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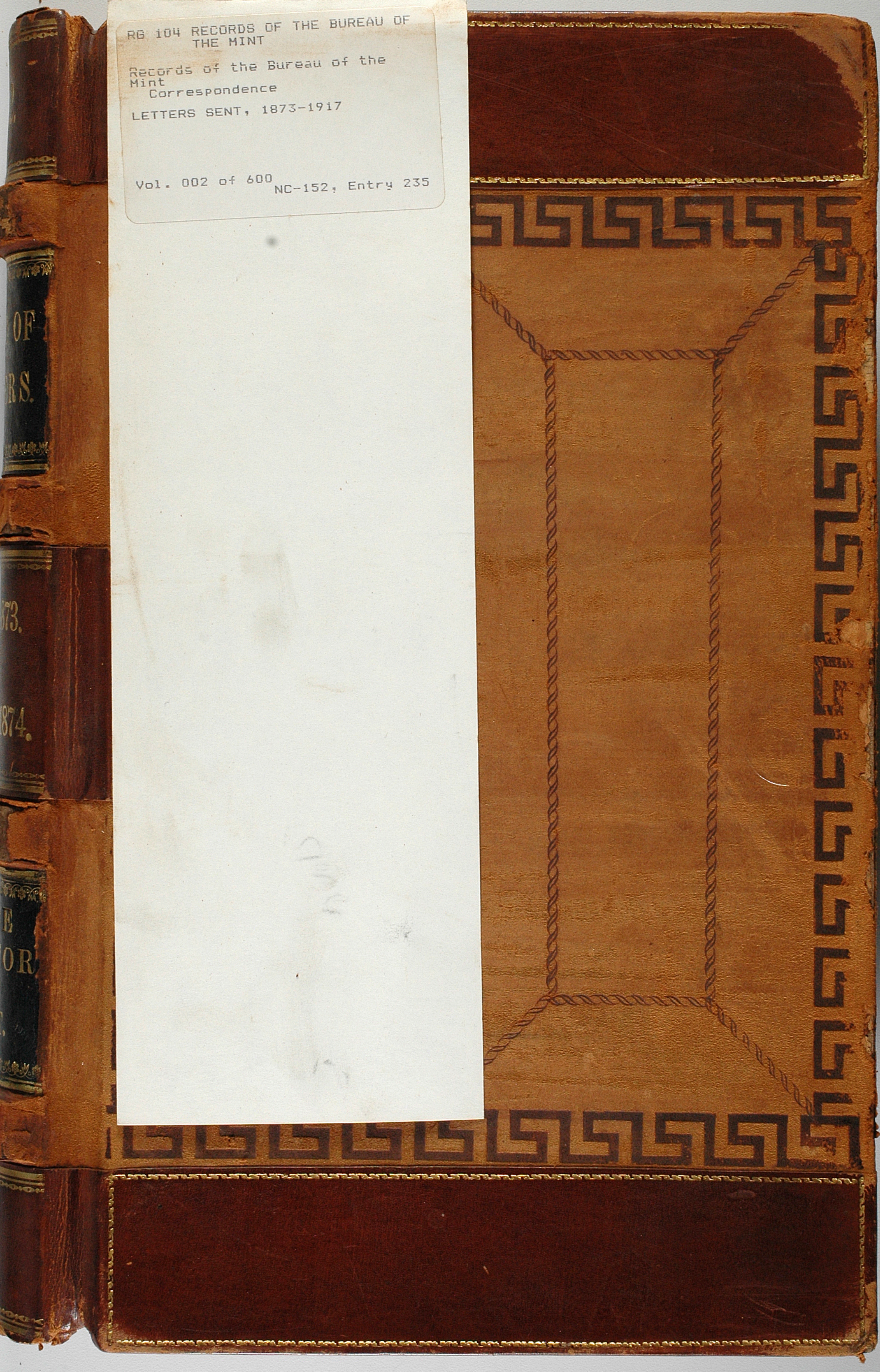

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October, 23rd, 1873.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th inst. with enclosures, in relation to the new Adjusting Balance recently constructed by Mr. Schmoltz of your city, has been received.

You will be advised on this subject in due time.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes,
For the Director.

October 23rd. 1873.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Superintendent U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information a copy of a letter received from O. H. La Grange Esq. Supt. of the U. S. at San Francisco, Cal. relative to 249 Barrels of sweeps, shipped per Ship Genl. McClellan, June 26th. 1873, together with a copy of the detailed memorandum of same.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

October, 23rd 1873

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte. N. C.

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st. inst. covering one addressed to the Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department, in which you name different articles required for the use of your institution, has been received.

(over.)

I have to inform you, that as the various articles mentioned pertain directly to the Contingent Expenses of your Office, and not, therefore, to be paid from any Appropriation that the Supervising Architect has any control of, you will make the purchases in the usual manner, and account for the disbursements in the regular Ordinary Expense Account of your Office.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the - Director.

October, 24th/1873.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Referring to the subject of a letter sent to you yesterday from this office, I return herewith the letter addressed to the Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the - Director.

October, 25th/1873.

Albert Walters, Esq.
Assayer in Charge of U. S. Assay Office.
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst. transmitting the official Oaths and Bonds of the Officers and employés of your institution.

I return the Bonds and accompanying affidavits for the reason that they are defective in not having a seal of wax or wafer attached to each signature.

You will please correct them according to the memoranda of the Solicitor of the Treasury and return to this Office.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

(Telegram.) O. H. La Grange Oct. 27th 1873.

Supt. Mint, San Francisco

At what rate was last purchase of silver bullion for trade dollars made. How much is in shape to transfer to Philadelphia.

Collect Gov't rates
H. R. L.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Oct. 27th 1873.

(Telegram.) Thomas C. Acton

Supt. Assay Office. New York.

Hold bars resulting from melt of sovereigns as part of bullion fund. Further instructions by mail. Send to Mint silver for coinage into subsidiary coin as promptly as possible.

Keep me advised of the condition of the silver bullion market.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Charge to Treas'y Dept.

Oct. 27th 1873.

(Telegram.) James Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint. Philadelphia.

The plan of operations indicated by me verbally on Saturday will be put in force. Instructions by mail to-day.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Collect Gov't rates.

October 27th 1873.

J. A. Cowing. Esq.
#7 Broadway. N.Y.
Sir:

Enclosed find copy of the coinage Act of 1873. I am unable to furnish a copy of the Act of 1792.

I have made no public statement as to my views on the resumption of specie payments.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

October 27th 1873.

Hon. James Pollock.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa
Sir:

I have your letter of the 25th instant. You will make immediate arrangements for conducting the coinage until further advised, according to the basis stated in your letter. This is not to be understood as interfering with the completion into double eagles of bullion prepared for that purpose and now in course of manufacture.

You will commence the coinage of the subsidiary silver without delay.

Please inform me immediately of the amount of your silver bullion fund and amount due for trade dollars and silver purchases, (itemizing as to the Assay office); also amount of gold coins due the Assistant Treasurer at New York and Assay Office, respectively.

The Mint will as at present be run to its full capacity on the plan herein indicated.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

October 27th/1873.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

You will make no further shipment for coinage of the bars resulting from the melt of sovereigns, but retain such bars as a part of the bullion fund. The bars will be stamped with the weight, fineness and value.

It is intended to run the Mint principally on the subsidiary silver coin, making only such gold coin of the smaller denomination as may be required by the Sub Treasuries for change. We expect to be able to make about $1.000.000 in value of such coin; $300.000 in half dollars, $200.000 in quarter dollars, and $100.000 in dimes, per month.

In order that the mint may have a full supply of silver bullion to start with, you will please ship - say 100.000 ounces fine silver, or its equivalent in standard silver, for conversion into subsidiary coin, as soon as practicable.

A corresponding amount in subsidiary coin will be transferred from the bullion fund to the Assistant Treasurer. The order for this transfer will be made by the Secretary of the Treasury. You will please furnish me with a statement of the following items:

1st. The amount of your silver bullion fund.

2nd. The amount due for trade dollars and silver purchases.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

October 27th 1873.

A. B. Mullett, Esq.
Supervising Architect
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Enclosed please find duplicate bills of Messrs. Morgan and Orr amounting to $19.354,57. for machinery manufactured by them for the San Francisco Mint. These complete their order for this mint with the exception of one duplicate set, of fire bricks.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Mr. Henry Troemner
710 Market St.
Philadelphia

October 27th 1873

Sir:

You are requested to make an adjusting balance in accordance with the photograph of the one manufactured by Mr. Schmoltz, of San Francisco, and to notify this office when the same is completed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. William A. Wheeler
Public Library
Boston. Mass.

October 27th 1873.

Sir:

The Annual Report of the Director of the Mint will not be ready for distribution until sometime, in December. If you will forward postage, a copy will then be sent you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

October 27th/1873.

Thomas C. Acton

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith for distribution among the smelters find five copies of memorandum of sweeps from San Francisco Mint, 1872-73, shipped per "Gen. McClellan", and which will probably not arrive until late in November.

The proposals for these sweeps will be sealed and forwarded to this office for acceptance.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Morgan & Orr,
#1219 Callowhill St.
Philadelphia Pa.

October 27th, 1873.

Gentlemen;

Your letter of the 22d inst. has been received, and in reply I would state that the price for the four engravings $220 – is deemed excessive, and cannot be authorized. The bills for the four photographs will be approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

W. S. Lyon Esq.
#11 Old Slip, New York.

October 27th/1873.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 25th inst. all that I can say at present is that estimates for resuming coining operations at New Orleans will be submitted to Congress for its action.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

October 27th 1873.

Sir:

Mr. Troemner, of Philadelphia states that he can manufacture balances similar to the one made by Mr. Schmolz, of your city, for one hundred and fifty dollars each. He has been directed to make one at this price, and you are authorized to order one from Mr. Schmolz, if he will make it at the same rate as Troemner.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

October 27th 1873.

Sir:

We desire to purchase at least two hundred thousand ounces more of fine silver @ 1.25 to 1.25½, but fear to order it lest it may run the price up.

If any part of one hundred thousand ounces is offered at above rate you will purchase it.

In case there should be an advance in price we will transfer 300.000 ounces to Philadelphia from the San Francisco Mint, where we have about 800.000 ounces.

I do not regard an advance as probable, However, as soon as the 100.000 ounces already purchased are delivered, we will buy another hundred thousand at market rates not above 125½.

Please keep me promptly advised as to price by telegraph.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

O. H. La Grange Esq. October 27th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. enclosing a list of the Officers, Clerks, and employes of your institution.

Upon comparing the same with the books of this Office, I find that the following discrepancies exist, viz:

Upon your Rolls but not on our Register.

1.	T. B. McCauly,	Receiving Clerk,	General Dept.
2.	H. R. Williams,	Supt. of Deposit Melting,	do.
3.	J. Welch,	Watchman,	do.
4.	P. J. Donoghue,	do.	do.
5.	J. M. Church.	do.	do.
6.	C. F. Wood.	Laborer.	do.
7.	John Barry.	Messenger.	do.
8.	Wm. Malvin,	Porter,	do.
9.	E. Fitzgerald.	Workman,	Assay Department.
10.	P. M. Benner,	Melter,	Melter and Refiner's "
11.	Aaron Clark.	Helper.	do.
12.	M. Laverty,	do	do.
13.	M. J. Browne.	do	do
14.	E. W. Taggard,	Assistant,	Coiner's Department
15.	P. A. Lamping.	Asst. Roller,	do.
16.	P. B. Bacon,	Trap-tender,	do.
17.	J. J. Hayes.	Asst. Annealer,	do.
18.	Margaret Randolph,	Adjuster,	do.

Upon our Register but not on your Rolls.

19.	L. H. Hopkins.	Watchman,	General Department.
20.	Geo. W. Torr,	do.	do.
21.	J. H. Barter,	do.	do.
22.	J. L. Culver.	do.	do.
23.	J. F. Sterling.	Assistant,	Melter and Refiner's Dept.
24.	S. Taylor,	Watchman,	General Department.
25.	R. N. Cochran.	Helper,	Melter and Refiner's Dept.

26. L. J. Rector, Helper, Melter and Refiner's Dept.
27. DeWitt C. Story, Assistant, Coiner's Department.
28. C. J. Wilkins. do do " .
29. Peter Hanley. Traptender. do " .

Compensation more than upon our Register.

30. John H. Bundy. Porter \$125 per month. – On your Rolls \$130.
31. Moses Furbush, Workman, \$5.25 per day. do \$5.50.
32. M. S. Campbell. do \$7. " " do \$7.50
33. T. M. Luther do \$7. " " do \$7.50
34. L. T. Grant do \$5.50 " " do \$6.
35. G. H. Loring. do \$5.50 " " do \$6
36. F. H. Lasselle. Clerk \$7. " " do \$7.50
37. T. W. Gross do \$6.50 " " do \$7.
38. Sampson Sim. Melter \$6.50 " " do. \$7.
39. J. L. Wilson do \$6.75 " " do. \$7.
40. John Teig, do \$6.50 " " do \$7.
41. W. H. Keith, 2nd Asst. \$6.50 " " do \$7.
42. Edw. Burrell, Weigh Clerk \$6.50 " " do \$7.
43. Thomas Scott, Machinist. \$7. " " do \$7.50
44. E. C. Brown, Foreman \$7. " " do \$7.50
45. G. M. Adams, do \$6.25 " " do \$7.
46. B. Hanford. (Watchman \$1500 per annum. do \$5.50 per day, also Capt. of Watch.

Compensation less than on our Register.

47. J. J. Hannifer, Assistant, \$6.25 per day. On your Rolls \$6.
48. M. Berkeley. Fireman. \$6.25 " " do \$6.
49. T. S. Moore. do \$6.25 " " do \$6

Department different than on our Register.

50. Jas. Clark. Messenger. General Dept. On your Rolls, Melter & Ref's.
51. Wm. T. Wood. Helper, Melter & Ref's Dept. do. Coiner's.
52. Frank Blair, Messenger, General Dept. do. do.
53. V. H. Vaughn, Assayer's Dept. do. Genl.

You are requested to explain to this office how it has occurred that these differences appear between the official records of the two offices.

Of the first eighteen names "not on our books" it will be necessary for you to submit regular nominations for the approval of the Director of the Mint.

Of the next eleven names, which appear on the Register of this Office but "not on your rolls," it will be necessary for you to state when, and by what authority, they were dropped.

Of the next twenty names, the difference is in the amounts paid, by far the larger part being in excess of the amounts shown from the books of this office.

The last four appear in different operative departments.

All appointments and removals must, when made, be reported to the Director for his action, and when appointments are not so reported, the compensation will necessarily have to be disallowed in the settlement of your accounts.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia Pa.

October 28th 1873.

Sir:

The increase in the compensation of the following named employés, recommended in your letter of the 25th inst. is hereby approved, to take effect from the 1st. prox:

John F. Money, Messenger, Genl. Department, from \$5.50 to \$6.00 per diem.
C. B. Hare, Assayer's Dept. from \$5.50 to \$6.00 per diem.
Andrew Stief. Coiner's Dept. from \$4.00 to \$4.25 per diem.
Danl. S. Fuller. Coiner's Dept. from \$3.50 to \$3.75 per diem.
Patterson DuBois, Assayer's Dept. from \$5.00 to \$6.00 per diem.
Alexander E. Outerbridge, Assayer's Dept. from \$4.50 to \$5.00 per diem.
J. B. Cowden, Carpenter. from \$4.00 to \$4.25 per day.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Morgan & Orr.
1219 Callowhill St.
Philadelphia Pa.

October 28th 1873.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 25th instant, and accompanying bills in duplicate for machinery manufactured for the new mint at San Francisco, amounting to $19.354.57~, have been received and referred to the Supervising Architect for settlement with my approval.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia. Pa

October 28th, 1873.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of November, 1873, has been approved, for the sum of $48.158.34, from the following appropriations:

Salaries, 1874,	$3.158.34
Wages of Workmen, 1874,	35,000.00
Contingent Expenses, 1874,	10.000.00

The requisition has been made "special".

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman,
Director.

Louis A. Garnett. Esq.
416. Montgomery St. San Francisco, Cal.

October, 28th, 1872

My dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 13th & 15th inst. for which be pleased to accept my thanks.

Very respectfully, yours
H. R. Linderman. Director

Nathan Trotter & Co.
36. North Front St.
Philadelphia. Pa

October 28th, 1873.

Sir:

Your letter is received. The advertisement contemplates the delivery after the bid is awarded, and payment in cash on delivery. I understand the advertisement to refer to copper suitable for making the copper nickel and bronze alloy. If there is any doubt as to the kind of copper intended, it will be well for you to call on Superintendent Pollock for the necessary explanations.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

October 28th 1873.

Sir:

Your two telegrams of the 27th are at hand

By the word "par", in connection with the value of silver, I understand you to refer to the old silver dollar valuation, 1,16$\frac{4}{11}$ cents per standard ounce, although the law makes no fixed valuation for it.

Silver bullion has ranged in New York since the 23rd of September at from 124 to 126 cents per ounce fine, or about 3 cents per standard ounce less than your quotation.

When we consider that the cost of transportation is to be added, purchases in the East are decidedly more advantageous to the Treasury than in your market.

In future communications you will please refer to the gold price per ounce fine, or per standard ounce, the old par being no where recognized except in San Francisco.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

Telegram. Thomas C. Acton, October 28th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

I do not think that charges on operations necessary to bring the deposit to fine bullion can be legally remitted. The charge for stamping can probably be omitted.

H. R. Linderman
Director of Mint.

collect Gov't rates.

Wm. Barber, Esq. October 29th 1873.
Engraver U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia. Pa.

My dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 28th inst. I would state that the best steel should be ordered from wherever it can be obtained.

You will make your requisition on the Superintendent for the purchase of the article.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jno. Harper, Esq. October 30th 1873
President Bank of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh. Penna.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 27th instant, I have to inform you that the government is paying out silver coin to those presenting its drafts, &c, in sums not exceeding five ($5) dollars in any one payment.

How long this will continue depends entirely on the market value of silver bullion, and the rate at which the gold premium rules.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman,
Director.

Prof. R. E. Rodgers } October. 30th 1873.

Sir:

It is quite probable that I shall be compelled to go to California early next month, and in that case expect to be absent about four weeks. I have learned to day, for the first time, that it is not contemplated to locate the Asst. Treasurer's Office in the new Mint building as was originally intended. I desire to be informed whether you were aware of this fact when making your plans for the Refinery. Some further details were I think promised by you in your report which it would be well for me to have before I start West. If they can be furnished in the course of a day or two, please forward the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. C. Seidenstricker,
499 Penna Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Penna } October 30th 1873.

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 25th instant, I have to inform you that subsidiary silver coin can be obtained at the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, or the U. S. Assay Office New York, at par for gold coin in even sums of one hundred dollars.

You should address the Superintendents of either of those institutions.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Francis O. French Esq. October 30th 1873.

20 Wall street

New York.

Sir:

Your letter requesting an order for the sterling tables has been received and referred to the Secretary of the Treasury from whose office the order to purchase must issue.

You will please address that officer on the subject.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Dr. M. F. Bonzano. October 30th 1873.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to the subject of your appointment as Custodian of the Mint at New Orleans, I have to say that there are some difficulties in the way which will prevent the appointment being made.

It affords me pleasure in this connection to notice your appointment as Surveyor General of the State, a position certainly more remunerative than the appointment as Custodian, and I hope equally as pleasant to you personally.

With my best wishes,

Very truly yours

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Jacob H. Shirmer. October 30th 1873.

U. S. Mint. Denver, Col. Ty.

You and Davis please obtain or give suitable employment for Robert H. Buck of Idaho Springs, who will call upon you.

H. R. Linderman

Collect Gov't rates. Director

F. D. Hetrich, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City. Nev.

October 30th 1873.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 21st inst. you are informed that bills in favor of J. B. Cowden, for bass wood and saw dust, were received from Superintendent Pollock on the 14th of August, and on same date were referred by this office to the Accounting Officer for settlement, the amount, $10.00, to be charged against the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your mint, 1874.

It will not be necessary for you to take this item up in your monthly accounts of Ordinary expenses, but simply to make an entry of the amount in your books against the appropriation.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U. S. Philadelphia.

Oct. 30th 1873.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of charges preferred against Genl. O. H. La Grange Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, by Joseph P. Cochran late Melter and Refiner of that Mint.

I have to request that you will as soon as you can make the necessary arrangements for a few weeks' absence from the Mint, visit San Francisco and make a careful investigation as to the truth of the charges made by Mr. Cochran. You are authorized to employ a clerk to take notes of testimony, and to examine and copy accounts and vouchers.

After you shall have completed a thorough examination of the charges you will make report thereof to this Office. You will be allowed your necessary expenses while engaged in the performance of this duty, or mileage at the rate of 10 cents per mile for the distance travelled in going and returning.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Secretary.

Approved:
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary the Treasury.

To Hon. James Pollock. October 30th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philadelphia.
Sir:

The decline in the market price of the various materials employed in bringing Silver Bullion to a condition for coinage since the charge for coining Trade dollars was fixed, being fully equal to the Alloy charge for such coin, the latter item will, until further instructions, be regarded as covered by the charge of one-half cent for each Trade dollar, and the charge for alloy will be discontinued on and after the 1st prox.

This regulation applies only to the Trade dollar.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Approved:
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary the Treasury

Similar letter addressed to

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint. San Francisco.

J. D. Hetrich, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office. N. Y.

Telegram. Thomas C. Acton October 31st 1873.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

The purchasing rate for silver bullion payable in subsidiary silver coin is hereby reduced from one hundred and twenty to one hundred and eighteen cents per standard ounce, to take effect tomorrow.

H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.

Approved:
Wm. A. Richardson
Secy of the Treasy.
Charge to Treasy Dept.

Telegram. F. D. Hetrich, October 31st 1873.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

The mint price for silver bullion contained in gold deposits is hereby reduced from one hundred and eighteen to one hundred and sixteen cents per standard ounce - payable in subsidiary silver coin, to take effect on and after tomorrow.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Approved:
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.
Charge to Treasy Dept.

Telegram. O. H. LaGrange. October 31st 1873.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

The mint price for silver bullion contained in gold deposits is hereby reduced from one hundred and eighteen to one hundred and sixteen cents per standard ounce payable in subsidiary silver coin - to take effect on and after tomorrow.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Approved:
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury
Charge Treasy Dept.

Telegram.

Hon. Simon Cameron
Harrisburg. Pa.

October 31st 1873

Mrs. E. R. Perkins may report at Philadelphia Mint for duty on and after tomorrow.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Charge Treas'y Dept.
H. R. L.

Telegram.

James Pollock -
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

October 31st 1873

The purchasing rate for silver bullion payable in subsidiary silver coin, is hereby reduced from one hundred and twenty, to one hundred and eighteen cents per standard ounce, to take effect tomorrow.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Approved:
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.

Charge to Treas'y Dept.

Telegram.

Morgan & Orr
13th and Callowhill Sts.
Philadelphia.

October 31st 1873.

Draft will be mailed to day.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Collect Gov't Rates

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad'a Pa.

October 31st 1873.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th instant with enclosed summary statement of 3rd quarter of 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

Mr. H. H. Peacock, October 31st 1873.
618 Chesnut St.
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 30th inst. I have to say that it is deemed inexpedient to send the medal to Philadelphia by Express, and it will be necessary for you to send the casket here to be fitted, with a competent workman. Any additional expense incurred in doing this will be allowed in the settlement of the bills.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock, October 31st 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 30th inst. in relation to payment of bills for the Robinson Medal, has been received.

The draft will be mailed today.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman,
Director.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq. October, 31st 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson. Nev.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 22nd inst. I have to inform you that the bill of Fairbanks & Co. for one 6-lb. letter scales, furnished your institution, amounting to $12.05, was received at this office on the 15th inst., together with your receipt for the same bearing date of August, 12, 1873, and the same referred to the First Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. D. Hetrich, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Carson City, Nev.   November 1st 1873.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you on the 31st ult. is hereby made official:

"The Mint price for silver Bullion contained in Gold Deposits is hereby reduced from one hundred and eighteen to one hundred and sixteen cents per standard ounce payable in subsidiary silver coin, to take effect on and after tomorrow."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco, Cal.

Hon. R. W. Tayler,   November 1st 1873.
First Comptroller.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for file in your office the Official Bond of Henry Slaymaker Cochran, Weigh Clerk in the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

November 1st 1873.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you on the 31st ultimo, is hereby made official.

"The purchasing rate for silver bullion payable in
"subsidiary silver coin is hereby reduced from one
"hundred and twenty to one hundred and eighteen
"cents per standard ounce, to take effect tomorrow."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Felix Mondzelewski, Esq.
State University,
Baton Rouge, La.

November 1st 1873.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ult. requesting an appointment in the New Orleans Mint. As Congress has taken no action as yet toward the re-establishment of that institution, I regret that it will be impossible for me to recognize your military services by an appointment therein.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia. Pa

November 1st 1873.

Sir,

I have received your statement of coinage for the month of October, and desire to express my appreciation of the manner in which you have met the extraordinary demand made upon the Mint, - your gold coinage having not only been equal to the importations from England, but embracing the gold bars in the sub-treasury at New York when this rate of coinage was commenced.

It was very important, in view of possible contingencies, that this work should be promptly met, and I am very glad that you accomplished it.

This large increase to the stock of gold coins in the treasury will enable you to proceed under the plan agreed upon at our last conference.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia

November 1st. 1873.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the Official Bond of Henry Slaymaker Cochran, as Weigh Clerk, in your institution, has been approved by the Director and the Secretary of the Treasury, and transmitted to the First Comptroller of the Treasury for file in that office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 1st 1873.

Sir;

In view of your probable absence from the mint, the question of striking a medal, for the occasion of the next annual assay may as well be disposed of. I think it will be well to strike the same medal as last year, substituting the words Torrey, and date of death, for Eckfeldt on the reverse; and you are hereby authorized to so alter the reverse die.

You can obtain the date of Professor Torrey's death by addressing his son, H. G. Torrey, at the New York Assay Office.

If you have any other plan to submit or suggestions to make in reference to the Assay Medal, I shall be pleased to consider the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Thos. C. Acton
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Nov. 1st 1873.

Adopt the standard ounce as proposed in your letter.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Col. Govt. Rates.
H. R. L.

Telegram.

Thos. C. Acton.
Supt. Assay Office. N. Y.

Nov. 3d 1873.

What is the price of fine silver and currency premium on small silver." answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Charge Treasy Dept.
H. R. L.

Hon. James Pollock November 3d, 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith letters from Assayer Walters, and C. W. Moore, of Boise City, respecting a difference in the fineness and weight of certain bars made at the Boise assay office and redeposited at the Assay Office New York. I also enclose the balance of assay slips of bar #49, and have to request that a test assay be made by your Assayer and the result reported to me.

Please return papers in the case to this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

Telegram.

Hon. James Pollock. November 3d, 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Will not be able to go West. Hope it will not prevent you from going. - Will come over and see you off - You should go in a few days.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Collect Govt rates.

Telegram.

James Pollock, November 3d, 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Yes. - Will come by late train to-night.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Collect govt rates.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. November 3rd, 1873.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the month of November, 1873, has been approved for the sum of $13.194.60, on account of the following appropriations:

Salaries U. S. Assay Office, N. Y. 1874,	1.700
Wages of Workmen, 1874,	7.000
Contingent Expenses, 1874,	4.494.60

This amount from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses is all that remains from this appropriation to your credit, and is less by $5.40 than the sum your requisition named. Our books show this amount ($5.40) to have been a payment to Fairbanks & Co. for a pair of letter scales of which entry it is supposed you were not informed at the time.

Your requisition will be made "special".

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. James Pollock. November 3rd, 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

The value of fine bars will be computed at the rate of one hundred and eighteen: the weight and fineness only may be stamped if the depositors so prefer.

H. R. Linderman,
Director.

Collect Gov't rates.

Prof. R. E. Rodgers — November, 3rd 1873.

#1004 Walnut St.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Supplemental Report, and to thank you for so promptly sending the same.

According to my recollection, you have still to furnish us with the result of the experiments you proposed to make, after your return from San Francisco, to obviate the fumes resulting from the Sulphuric acid process for refining as heretofore employed.

If I am correct in this supposition, you will please furnish them as early as may be convenient, as our final arrangements for fitting up the new Mint must soon be decided upon.

I send you a copy of your report of July 20th last, with the request that you will fill up one or two blanks therein and return it to me.–

It is my intention to print the greater portion of that report and your San Francisco report in one pamphlet, for the use of the Mints.

I do not know how soon we will be able to do it, as the printers are busy at present in the anticipation of the early meeting of Congress.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. D. Webster, Esq. — November 3rd 1873.

Asst. Treasurer U. S.
Chicago. Ills.

Sir:

Your letter of the 29th ult. to the Secretary of the Treasury in relation to the coinage of Dimes, has been referred to this Office for appropriate action.

In reply I would state that the Philadelphia Mint having for several months past been fully employed in coining gold, the stock of silver coin usually kept on hand has become much reduced.

That mint is now, however, running to its full capacity on half and quarter dollars and dimes; and every effort will be made to meet the demand for such coin.

The Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint will be instructed, to comply with the request of the sellers of silver bullion as far as it may be practicable to do so.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. Smith Homans, Esq
251. Broadway N.Y.

November 6th, 1873.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 4th instant, I have to say that it will afford me pleasure to send you such number of my Annual Report as can be spared, when the same is received from the printer.
Am unable to furnish copies until then.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

The report is promised by the printer towards the latter part of this month.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia Pa.

November 6th 1873.

Error - See Appointment Book.

Sir:

My verbal approval to the appointment of George Harmstead, as Laborer in General Dept. at a compensation of $3.00 per diem (new Office) to date from the 10th inst. is hereby approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia Pa.

November 6th 1873.

Sir:

Please to send to this Office by express, 5 proof trade dollars, C. O. D.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S. Philadelphia.

Nov. 6th 1873.

Sir:

Please furnish this Office with a statement (in accordance with the enclosed form) showing the Gold and Silver coins reserved for the Annual Assay from the deliveries made by the Coiner of the Mint.

Also Statements of Assay Coins received from the Mints at San Francisco and Carson from January to October 31st inclusive.

These statements will hereafter be rendered monthly to this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

Superintendent U. S. Mint } November 6th 1873.
Philadelphia, Pa.

The following will be observed as a rule at the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia and Assay-Office New York from and after the 7th instant.

"Fine silver bars, over 997½, are not subject to a melting charge unless they contain gold."

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter sent to
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Telegram. Thomas C. Acton. } November 6th 1873
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Please be here tomorrow for conference. Go on with silver purchase, reporting promptly your action. News from China and Japan indicates early success of trade dollar.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Charge Treasy Dept. }

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. } November 6th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Please inform me of the rate of price (gold) at which silver ruled in your market September 4th and 25th last.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Hon. James Pollock November 7th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

You will please furnish the following statements
1st. Amount of Gold and Silver Bullion operated upon monthly, by the Melter and Refiner from the date of last settlement to the close of the Quarter ending Sept. 30th 1873, with the loss occurring in the operations of Melting and Refining.
2nd. Amount of Gold and Silver Bullion operated upon by the Coiner during the same period, showing each delivery of Bullion, and the loss in Rolling, cutting, annealing, cleaning and Adjusting.

A report showing the operations in the Melter and Refiner's and Coiner's Department will hereafter be rendered monthly to this office.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

F. D. Hetrick. Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson. Nev.

O. H. La Grange
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco. Cal.

Mr. Arthur Orr. November 4th 1873.

Dear Sir:

On the receipt of this letter, you will visit San Francisco, and give Messrs. O. H. La Grange and J. M. Eckfeldt, Commissioners, and the latter Superintendent of Construction, the benefit of your experience and advice, in the matter of fitting up the machinery, apparatus and fixtures of the new Mint in that city.

Your long experience in the manufacture of coining machinery, and fitting up the various furnaces, flues &c, will no doubt enable you to give the Commission, and Superintendent of Construction valuable advice.

After your return you will submit to me a report of the result of your observations.

You will also confer with the Commission as to a proper plan for the transfer of the machinery from the old, to the new Mint, to have as little delay of coining operations as possible.

You are also instructed to examine any question connected with the use of machinery, dies &c. that may be submitted to you by the Superintendent of the San Francisco and Carson Mints.

You will be allowed as compensation, Ten Dollars per diem, and your necessary expenses while engaged in the performance of this duty.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

James Buck
N. E. Corner 4th and Cherry Sts
Philadelphia. Pa.

November 7th 1873.

Sir:

I have considered the application you made in behalf of your daughter for employment in the Philadelphia Mint, and regret to say that it is impossible to offer you encouragement that her services will be needed - the present force of employe's being ample for all emergencies.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.
(Confidential.)

O. H. La Grange,
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

November 8th 1873.

I leave tonight and expect to reach your city in seven days. Engage room at Lick House.

H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.

Collect Gov't rates.

D. W. Mahon, Esq.
First Auditor.

November 7th 1873.

Sir:

You will please instruct Mr. Robert E. Preston, a clerk in your office, to accompany the Director of the Mint to San Francisco and Carson City, and aid that officer in examining the mints in those cities.

Very respectfully
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Nov. 7th 1873.

Sir:

Please furnish this office with a statement showing the amount of Gold and Silver Bullion operated upon by the Melter and Refiner together with the loss in Melting and Refining, from the date of last settlement to the close of Quarter ending Sept. 30, 1873.

This statement will show the operations for each month of the period mentioned, and a report will hereafter be rendered monthly to this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman,
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Care of Union Pacific Depot
Omaha, Nebraska.

November 7th 1873.

I start tomorrow evening. Proceed with your journey. By the time you get fairly under way at San Francisco I will be there.

H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Charge Treas'y Dept

O. H. La Grange Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco, Cal.

Nov. 7th 1873.

Sir:

In your Report of Gold and Silver Coin deliveries and Assay coins for the Quarter ending Sept. 30. 1873. you make the following statement:

Sept. 2. 1873. No. of delivery — 30 —
No. of pieces — 7000 —
Denomination — Double Eagles.
Value — $17.500
Total of Assay pieces — — — — — 7
value — $17.50
371.000 pieces — Value $7.162.500
The total show. — 371 Assay pieces. " 7.162.50.

The above are evidently mistakes.

Of the total pieces 362.000 are Double Eagles equaling in value $7.240.000
9000 Half Eagles — value 45.000
Total $7.285.000

Making a difference in the Coinage for the Quarter of $112.500.

Will you be kind enough to examine your records, and send a corrected copy to this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. B. Mullett, Esq. November 7, 1873.
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I have to request that during my absence at San Francisco the room now occupied by me as my personal office may be renovated.

I make no reference to details, preferring to leave the matter to the discretion of the Supervising Architect.

I have also to call your attention to the fact that we are in urgent need of room 53 (originally assigned to this Bureau, but temprarily occupied by the Abandoned Property Division, of the Secretary's office) and to request that it may be vacated and in readiness for our occupation by the 1st of December. Even this will leave us with inadequate room, but I suppose nothing further can be done for us in the present treasury building.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock Nov. 7th 1873.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In order to complete the records of this office, you will please furnish a Quarterly Statement of the Earnings and Expenditures of your Institution from the commencement of the present fiscal year.

These statements will be continued hereafter, and transmitted to this office at the close of each Quarter.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. T. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
Mint U. S. Denver, Col.

Nov. 7th 1873.

Sir:

A monthly statement showing the amount of Gold and Silver Bullion operated upon and the loss in melting will hereafter be rendered to this office.

You will also furnish a statement showing the operations for each month, from the date of last settlement to the close of October 1873, with the loss in melting &c, at as early a date as possible.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Your action in relation to Mr. Buck entirely satisfactory.
H. R. L.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

November 7th 1873.

Sir:

In addition to the one hundred thousand ounces of fine silver purchased at gold rates you will purchase two hundred thousand ounces, at lowest market rate and not exceeding 125½ cents per ounce fine, paying for the same with gold coin from the bullion fund, and reporting your action under these instructions from time to time.

The silver bullion purchased under these instructions will be forwarded to the mint at Philadelphia for coinage into half and quarter dollars and dimes.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. F. L. Schirmer Esq. November 8d/1873.
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:

In order to complete the records of this office you will please furnish a quarterly statement of the earnings and expenditures of your institution, from the commencement of the present fiscal year.

These statements will be continued hereafter, and transmitted to this office at the close of each quarter.

I am sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

J. D. Hetrick, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nevada.

O. H. LaGrange Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

A. Wolters, Esq.
Assayer in Charge &c.
Boise City, Idaho.

Calvin J. Cowles
Assayer in Charge &c
Charlotte, N. C.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Superintendent U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Telegram. J. D. Hetrick, November 8d/1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint. Carson. Nev.

We will probably transfer east the profits of your mint and if necessary increase your bullion fund correspondingly. Would prefer the silver portion of it in small silver coin. I start for your section tonight.

Collect govt rates. H. R. Linderman, Director of t. Mint.

C. J. Cowles, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office.
Charlotte, N. C.

November 8th 1873.

Sir:

A monthly statement showing the amount of Gold and Silver Bullion operated upon, and the loss in melting will hereafter be rendered to this Office.

You will also furnish a statement showing the operations for each month, from the date of last settlement to the close of October 1873, with the loss in melting &c. at as early a date as possible.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

A. Walters, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office, Boise City, Idaho.

Joseph Casper, Esq.
U. S. Hotel
Philadelphia

November, 8th 1873.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 6th inst. referred from the Secretary's Office, suggesting the propriety of selling silver coin, I have to inform you that arrangements have been made for a larger coinage of small silver at the mint, under which it is expected that a sufficient supply will soon be afforded, and it is not deemed expedient to change the present policy.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. W. Yates, Esq. November 8th/1873.
First National Bank
Omaha, Neb.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 29th ultimo, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, I have to inform you that the Mint at Philadelphia is purchasing silver bullion at the rate of one hundred and eighteen (118) cents per standard ounce (900 fine) payable in small silver coin.

The expense of remitting small silver coin in payment therefor will be paid by the Government.

We have made arrangements under which it is expected the Mint will pay for silver bullion purchased in four or five days after the bullion is received.

Payment is made, however, according to priority of deposits.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Albert Walters Esq. Nov. 8th/1873.
Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of the report of Prof. DuBois, Assayer at the Philadelphia Mint, respecting a difference in the fineness and weight of certain bars made at the Boise Assay Office, and redeposited at the New York Assay Office.

You will please cause a copy of the report to be transmitted to the First National Bank of Idaho.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. November 8th/1873.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter giving the price of fine silver on certain dates therein mentioned.

Will you please inform me whether there is usually a difference between the price of fine silver bars and unrefined silver, especially that of low grade, and if so, how much?

Answer by letter addressed to me care of San Francisco Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. November 8th/1873.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of the report of Prof. DuBois, Assayer at the Philadelphia Mint, respecting a difference in the fineness and weights of certain bars made at the Boise Assay Office, and redeposited at your Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. O. H. La Grange. November 8th/1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

If you can coin a lot of dimes, quarter and half-dollars without interfering with the demand of depositors for other coins, do so and we will transfer same east.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Collect Gov't rates. H. R. L.

J. D. Hetrich, Esq. November 8th/1873.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

The changes in the compensation of the following named employés of your institution, submitted in your communication of the 1st. inst. is hereby approved, to take effect from October, 1. 1873, viz:
Otto Greenhood, from $1800 per annum to $5.75 per diem;
Jas. L. Slingerland, from $1642.50 per annum to $5.25 per diem.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. D. Hetrich, Esq. November 8th/1873.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City. Nev.

Sir:

I have to inform you the Official Bond of Wm. Bayard, clerk in your institution, has been approved by the Director and Secretary of the Treasury, and transmitted to the First Comptroller of the Treasury for file in that Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock November 8th/1873

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 7th inst. relative to the Five (5) proof Trade Dollars, and to inform you that the same have been duly received this day per Adams Express Co.

I am Sir, very respectfully, H. R. Linderman
Director.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson, Nev.

November 8th/1873.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst. transmitting the Official Oaths of the following named employes of your institution, viz:

W. L. Bryant, Helper.
Lizzie Wheeler, Adjuster.
George Fleming, Machinist.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia

November 8th/1873.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst. enclosing the report of Prof. Du Bois, Assayer at your institution, respecting the deposit of Donnell, Lawson & Co. at the Boise Assay Office, redeposited at the New York Assay Office.

Copies of the report have been sent to the New York and Boise Assay Offices.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

F. D. Hetrich Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.

November 8th/1873.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the Official Bond of W. P. Prescott, Assistant to the Assayer, in your —

institution, has been approved by the Director, and Secretary of the Treasury, and transmitted to the First Comptroller for file in that Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman,
Director.

Hon. R. W. Tayler
First Comptroller.

November 8th/1873

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit herewith for file in your Office the Official Bonds of the following named employes of the U. S. Mint at Carson City Nev. viz:

W. P. Prescott, Assistant to Assayer.
William Bayard, Clerk.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City,

November 8th/1873

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt per Adams Express Co. of the Ordinary Expense Account, abstract and vouchers of your institution for the month of October, 1873, and to inform you that the same has been transmitted to the First Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. Warren Morrill, Esq. Nov. 10th 1873.
Treasurer - Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
77 State St. Boston, Mass.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 8th inst. I would say that Silver bullion is purchased and paid for at the different Minting Institutions as follows;

At the Mint at Philadelphia and Assay Office New York at the rate of 118 cents per standard ounce payable in subsidiary silver coin.

At the Mints at San Francisco and Carson City the purchasing price for silver bullion contained in Gold deposits is 116 cents per standard ounce payable in subsidiary silver coin.

The word "fine" is used to express "pure" silver.

By "standard" is meant silver of .900 fineness, or that in 1.000 parts by weight, 900 are fine or pure silver.

By addressing a communication to Thos. C. Acton, Supt. Assay Office, New York, any information in regard to the purchase of fine silver will be furnished you.

Very respectfully
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.

John E. Dow, Esq. November 10th 1873.
41 Wall Street, N.Y.

Papers in case of Dunning forwarded to U.S. Marshal on the 7th instant.

H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Collect.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

November 10th/1873.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 1st inst. covering a list of employés of your institution, I have to inform you that the books of this office have been corrected in accordance therewith.

The list furnished will be considered as the official record of the employés of your Mint.

Very respectfully
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 10th/1873.

Sir:

The enclosed assay chips from bars 104 and 105 Boise City Assay Office, were forwarded by that institution for test assay, reclamation having been made against the two bars.

You will please cause an assay to be made of these chips and report the result in each case to this office at the earliest date practicable.

Very respectfully
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury

Albert Wolters Esq.
Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

November 10th/1873.

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st inst. with enclosed Assay Chips from bars #104. #105 has been received.

The chips have been transmitted to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia with instructions to cause a test assay to be made, the result of which will be made known to you when the report is received.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

November 10th 1873

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of November, 1873, has been approved for the sum of $14,000.— from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	$1.500.—
Wages of Workmen	8.500.—
Contingent Expenses	4.000.—

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Samuel Finney, Esq.
Cashier First National Bank,
Attica, Indiana.

November 10th 1873.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, and in reply have to inform you that subsidiary silver coin, can be obtained at the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, or at the U. S. Assay Office, New York, at par for gold coin in even sums of one hundred dollars. You should address the Superintendents of either of those institutions.

I am, sir, very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

November, 10th/1873.

Sir:

Remittance to the amount of $1233.33, on account of appropriation for "freight on bullion & coin 1874," are charged against you on the books of this office.

It having been decided to pay the bills of the Express Co. direct from the department in coin, I have to request that you deposit this sum to the credit of that appropriation, forwarding the original certificate of deposit to the Secretary of the Treasury, through this office.

Very respectfully,
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.

M. F. Bonzano, Esq.
New Orleans, La.

November, 11th 1873.

Sir:

Will you please inform me, whether the books on Coinage, &c, belonging to the Branch Mint at New Orleans, are yet on hand; and if so, can you furnish me with a list of the same, and oblige.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.

November, 11th 1873.

Sir:

Please furnish this office with estimates of the amounts which will be required under the Deficiency Appropriations to support your institution during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874.

An early compliance with this request will oblige,

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia,
November 11th 1873.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, enclosing the Official Oath of George Harmstead, Laborer in your institution.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

O. H. La Grange Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.
November, 11th 1873.

Sir:

Please furnish this Office with estimates of the amounts which will be required under the Deficiency Appropriations to support your institution during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874.

An early compliance with this request will oblige

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. November 12th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday and the report of Mr. Mason, relating to the fire which happened in your institution on the night of the 10th inst. and to inform you that the reports have been referred to the Supervising Architect with instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury to make the necessary repairs immediately. In view of the large amount of Gold and Silver at your institution it has been deemed advisable to send Mr. M. V. Davis, a clerk in this Office, to New York, to inquire into the origin and extent of the fire, and whether or not there has been any loss of the precious metals.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Hon. James Pollock November 12th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. informing this office that the dies for the year 1874, ordered on the 25th of August last, for the San Francisco Mint, have been forwarded.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

O. H. LaGrange Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

November 12th, 1873.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a communication from the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, informing this office that the following dies for the year 1874 have been forwarded by Express to your institution, viz:

Gold.

Double Eagle	Obverse	12
do do	Reverse	4
Eagle	Obverse	4
Half Eagle	Obverse	4
Quarter "	Obverse	4
Three Dollar	Reverse	2
Dollar	Reverse	2
	Total	32

Silver.

Trade-dollar	Obverse	6
do	Reverse	6
Half-Dollar	Obverse	6
Quarter "	Obverse	4
Dime	Obverse	8
	Total	30

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.
Mint Bureau,
Treasury Department.

November 12th 1873.

Sir:

You are hereby directed to proceed to New York, to make an investigation into the origin, and extent of the recent fire in the U. S. Assay Office in that city, - and also to ascertain what loss if any has been sustained in the precious metals.

It is desirable that this investigation should be made as speedily and thoroughly as possible. Upon your return you will report to this office the facts in the case, together with such other information as you may deem pertinent.

I am very respectfully
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 12", 1873.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th. instant, enclosing Certificate of Deposit for $1.233.33 on account of "Freight". You have been credited the amt.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 12", 1873.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th. inst. enclosing a letter to the Secretary and Certificate of Deposit for $30.000 on account of "Profits of Minor Coinage", and to inform you that the enclosures have been forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes,
For the - Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

November 12d. 1873.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of November, 1873, has been approved for the sum of $26.166.64 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	2.166.64
Wages of Workmen	19.000.00
Contingent Expenses	5.000.00

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq.
Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

November 12" 1873.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of November, 1873, has been approved for the sum of $825.00. from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	$450.00
Wages of Workmen	250.00
Contingent Expenses	125.00

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Calvin J. Cowles Esq.
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte. N. C.

November 12th, 1873.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of November, 1873. has been approved, for the sum of $375.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	$225.00
Wages of Workmen	25.00
Contingent Expenses	125.00

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

H. H. Peacock, Esq.
#618 Chesnut St.
Philadelphia.

November 13th, 1873

Sir.

Two weeks having elapsed since you were addressed by this Office in relation to the Casket for the Robinson-Seward Medal, I have to request that you will inform this office what progress has been made in the work, and when we may expect to receive the same.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Hon. James Pollock.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 13th, 1873.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 12th inst. covering a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing a

Certificate of Deposit for $15.90 on account of old materials sold, and to inform you that the enclosures have been forwarded to their proper destination.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Jacob F. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

November 13th/1873.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of November, 1873, has been approved for the sum of $2,477.60, on account of the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	$707.60
Wages of Workmen	1270.00
Contingent Expenses	500.00

Hereafter you will please write a letter of transmittal to accompany your requisitions.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon,
First Auditor.

November, 13th/1873.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for settlement, the Bullion Accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, for the quarter ending September, 30, 1873.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq. November 13th, 1873.
Assayer in charge, U.S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.
Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Ordinary Expense Account of your institution with abstract and vouchers, for the month of October, 1873, and to inform you that the same has been transmitted to the First Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Calvin J. Cowles Esq. November 13th, 1873.
Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.
Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Ordinary Expense Account of your institution with abstract and vouchers, for the month of October, 1873, and to inform you that the same has been transmitted to the First Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Hon. James Pollock November 13th, 1873.
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.
Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt, per Adams Express Co, of the Bullion Accounts of your institution for the quarter ended Sept. 30, 1873, and to inform you that the same have been transmitted to the First Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon,
First Auditor

November 13th 1873.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 12th inst. I enclose herewith a copy of a letter written to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, authorizing the recoinage of Silver Coins of the old issue.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

November 14th 1873.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th inst. giving the report of Assay of the samples of Gold from the Boise Assay Office, and to inform you that a copy of your report has been sent to that institution.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq. November 14th 1873.

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 1st inst. enclosing samples of bars No. 104 and 105. I enclose herewith a copy of the report of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia upon the assay of the same, giving their fineness:

#104 — 723½ fine.
#105 — 722½ " .

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes,
For the Director.

E. A. Caswell, Esq. November 14th 1873

#1 - Burling Slip,
New York,

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 13th inst. I have to inform you that the attention of the Director will be called to its subject, upon his return from San Francisco.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Mr. George F. Robinson November 14th 1873.

Late of the 8th Regt. Maine Vols.
Washington D. C.

Sir,

In accordance with the provisions of a Joint Resolution of Congress, approved March 1, 1871, I present you herewith a gold medal, commemorative of your action on the 14th day of

April, 1865, in saving the life of the late honorable William H. Seward, then Secretary of State.

I am, very respectfully
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary

Hon. Geo. H. Boker,
U. S. Minister,
Constantinople.

November 15th 1873.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th ultimo, and to state that the documents referred to were received at this office, and that the second copy of the Circular of April, 15th 1873, was sent you through mistake.

The Director desires to return his thanks for the interest which you have manifested in the matter.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes.
For the Director.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City Nev.

November 15th 1873.

Sir:

I have to inform you of the receipt at this office of a communication from the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint to the effect that the following dies for the year 1874, have been forwarded to your institution, viz:

Gold.

Double Eagle	Obverse	6
" "	Reverse	2
Eagle	Obverse	4
"	Reverse	2

continued.

Half Eagle	Obverse	2
" "	Reverse	2
Quarter Eagle	Obverse	2
" "	Reverse	2
	Total	22

Silver.

Trade Dollar	Obverse	6
" "	Reverse	6
Half "	Obverse	4
" "	Reverse	2
Quarter "	Obverse	2
" "	Reverse	2
Dime	Obverse	2
"	Reverse	2
	Total	26

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. November 17th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find copy of a report made by Mr. M. V. Davis, on the fire at the Assay Office on the night of the 10th inst.

While this report is satisfactory, and it is thought that no blame can be attached to the Watchmen on duty at the time, it is deemed adviseable, on account of the value of the bullion kept on hand that the force of Watchmen be increased. Should this meet your views you are authorized to nominate two additional watchmen, and also to select one of the present number, in whom you have most confidence, as Captain of the Watch upon whom would rest the responsibility of enforcing the rules and regulations of the establishment.

Would there not be sufficient room between the main building and the refinery to erect a dressing room? This would prevent the necessity of the men passing through the building with lights, and also place their working clothes outside of the refinery. If the space between the two buildings can be spared for the purpose, instruction will be given for the erection of the room.

It is deemed advisable, in order to guard against similar accidents in the future, that strict regulations be issued for the guidance of the employés - particularly as to the management of lights, smoking and the use of matches or other combustible matter. You will please submit such regulations for the approval of the Director of the Mint at the earliest date practicable, which when approved, will be printed and displayed in the different rooms.

Very respectfully
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. Thomas Russell
Collector of Customs
Boston. Mass.

November 17th 1873.

Sir:

I have this day mailed to your address fifty copies of Mint Circular No. 5. requested in your letter of the 15th instant.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Nov. 18th 1873.

Sir:

You are hereby directed, until otherwise ordered, to furnish a daily statement showing the amount of coin on hand in the Cashiers Office at the close of the day; the amount of coin delivered to the Cashier by the Coiner and the amount on hand not delivered, and also the amount shipped each day to the Assay Office, New York.

Very respectfully
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury

Mat. Warren Esq.
Citizens Nat. Bank.
Urbana. Ohio.

November 18th 1873.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. enclosing check #3695 on Manufacturers Nat. Bank of Phila. for the sum of $150, for small coin.

As the Director will not return from San Francisco for about three weeks, it would be well for you to make the same payable to the order of Jas. Pollock Superintendent, U. S. Mint. Philadelphia.

The check will be held to your order.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Jacob F. L. Schirmer Esq. November 18th 1873.
Assayer in charge U. S. Mint.
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

It appears from your letter of the 31st. ultimo that Robert H. Buck declined the position you offered him at a salary of $1721.50 per annum.

From a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury on the same date it appears that there is a misunderstanding between you, he supposing that you were to send his name on the next day for approval, notwithstanding that he desired more pay.

Mr. Buck has been directed by letter to call upon you.

You will please have him subscribe to his official oath and forward the same at once, with a letter of nomination.

The appointment will take effect from the date of oath.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Robert H. Buck, Esq. November 18th 1873.
Idaho, Clear Creek Co. - Colo.

Sir:

Please call upon Prof. Schirmer, Assayer in charge U. S. Mint at Denver, who has been instructed by letter of this date to send on your name for approval.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director

O. H. La Grange Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco. Cal.

Nov. 18th 1873.

Sir:

I have sent by todays mail blank forms for monthly statements, which are intended to take the place of those now in use.

In order that a complete record may be kept in this office, I will be obliged if you will fill up these blanks so as to show the operations of your mint for each month beginning with the present fiscal year.

I also respectfully call your attention to the fact that for some time past, Deposits have been twice credited at the San Francisco Mint, first, as individual deposits, and afterwards, when returned from the Refinery.

This is probably a mistake which has occurred in the hurry of business and been overlooked. I simply call your attention to it so that it may be avoided in the future, and that these statements may present a correct report of your operations for the present fiscal year.

Very respectfully
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.

Elias Root, Esq.
Collector of Customs
Oswego. N.Y.

November, 18th 1873.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 14th inst. I have this day mailed to your address six copies of Mint Circular No. 1.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes - For the Director.

Telegram. Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York.

Nov. 18th 1873.

Transfer of $3.000.000 has been made.

H. C. Johannes

For the Director.

Collect Gov't rates

H. C. J.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia.

November 19th 1873.

Sir:

On the 15th of September last, you were requested to forward to this office a list of the Officers, clerks and employees of your institution with their salaries, nativity, &c. for the use of the Register of the Treasury in the preparation of the Biennial Register. In reply thereto, you transmitted, under date of October, 10, 1873, such a list, but of Officers and clerks only.

You will, therefore, please prepare at the earliest possible convenience, a complete list of the Officers, clerks and employees of your Mint, and forward the same to this office.

Very respectfully

H. C. Johannes

For the Director.

Prof. J. E. Hilgard,

U. S. Coast Survey Office, Washington D. C.

November 19th 1873.

Sir:

In the absence of the Director of the Mint, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date and accompanying series of Metric Weights from one kilogram to one milligram.

Very respectfully, H. C. Johannes.

Hendricks Bros.
#49 – Cliff Street.
New York

November, 19th 1873.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 18th inst. relative to the purchase of 14.000 lbs. of "Minnesota" Copper, I have to state that it would be well for you to address the Superintendents of the Mint at Philadelphia and Assay Office at New York upon the subject, they having the control of the purchase of such copper as may be needed for their respective institutions.

Should any be needed for our Western Mints, we will inform you.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the – Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

November, 19th 1873.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 18th inst. relative to an increase to the Bullion fund of your institution, I have to inform you that a transfer order for $3.000.000 in gold coin, to be placed to the credit of the Bullion fund of your office, was issued by the Secretary of the Treasury on the 18th instant, and mailed same date by the Treasurer of the U. S.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the – Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Superintendent &c.
New York.

November 19th 1873.

Sir:

I have this day mailed to you by separate package, the following forms, viz:

Statements of coinage executed.

Statements of Gold and Silver of domestic production; Statements of Deposits and purchases.

Statements of Bars manufactured.

These forms are to be used in place of the monthly statements heretofore made from your institution.

I am, Sir, very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Hon. James Pollock.
Superintendent &c.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

November 20th 1873.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. transmitting a/c current of the Bullion fund of your Office, and to inform you that the enclosure has been referred to the Treasurer of the United States.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

A. Wolters Esq. November 20th/1873.
Assayer &c
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have sent you by this days mail, blank forms for monthly statements to take place of those now in use.

The form entitled "Statement of Bars manufactured", will be filled up so as to show the amount for each month of the present fiscal year.

This information is desired in order that a complete record may be kept in this Office of minting operations.

I am Sir, very respectfully,
H. C. Johannes,
For the Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Calvin J. Cowles Esq.
Assayer in charge &c
Charlotte. N. C.

Prof. J. F. L. Schirmer.
Superintendent &c.
Denver. Col.

Hon. James Pollock, November, 15th/1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 14th inst. I enclose herewith a copy of the letter ordering the dies for the Carson Mint for the year 1874. Will you please inform this office the reason for the large difference between the number ordered, and those sent?

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq. November 20th 1873.

Superintendent &c.
Carson City, Nev.
Sir:

I have sent by mail this day, blank forms for monthly statements to take the place of those now in use. These forms have been prepared with a view to securing uniformity in the reports of operations of the various Mints and Assay Offices.

As most of the deposits at your mint are Gold and Silver of domestic production, they will be entered, in the monthly "statement of Deposits and Purchases", as U. S. Bullion, and credited to the proper localities in the statement of Gold and Silver of domestic production. You will also furnish with each monthly report, as heretofore, a statement showing the nature of the deposits such as "contained" in deposits for unparted bars, "fine bars" "purchases" &c.

In order to avoid a multiplicity of statements the items in the blank headed "Gold and Silver of Domestic production" can be altered to correspond with the nature of the deposits. I also desire that the form entitled "Statement of Bars manufactured," may be filled up so as to show the amount manufactured for each month from the beginning of the present fiscal year.

I am, Sir, very respectfully
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. November 21, 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. explaining certain differences existing between the Register of this Office and the list of employés furnished by you.

The nominations and promotions submitted therein are hereby approved.

The books of this office have been corrected accordingly, and you will hereafter inform this office of all changes that may be made in the employes of your institution.

Very respectfully
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. November 21, 1873.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 20th inst. and enclosure from the Melter & Refiner, relative to certain regulations for the guidance of the employés of your institution, has been received.

Your recommendation to prohibit absolutely the practice of smoking within the building is approved, and the rule will be made accordingly.

The second and third regulations, regarding the care of matches and management of lights, are hereby approved as submitted.

Very respectfully
Wm. A. Richardson. Secretary.

Thos. Hillhouse, Esq. November 21st, 1873.
Ass't. Treasurer,
New York.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 14th instant, I have this day mailed to your address, one hundred copies of Mint Circular No. 5.
Should you have use for a larger supply, you will please inform this office, and they will be forwarded to you.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes,
For the Director.

Hon. James Pollock. November 21st, 1873
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expense of your institution for the month of December, 1873, has been approved for the sum of $23,158.34 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1874,	$3,158.34
Wages of Workmen	1874,	15,000.00
Contingent Expenses	1874,	5.000.00

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Hendricks Bros. November 22nd, 1873.
#49 Cliff Street, New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 21st inst. I have to inform yo that it is customary for the Superintendent of the Mint at Philad to purchase copper upon the requisition of the operative offic needing the same.

Very respectfully, H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

November 22nd 1873.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. enclosing the Ordinary Expense a/c of your institution for the month of October, 1873, with abstract and vouchers, and to inform you that the same has been transmitted to the First Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the – Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon.
First Auditor.

November, 22nd 1873

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for settlement the Ordinary Expense Accounts with abstracts and vouchers of the U. S. Mints at San Francisco, Carson and Denver for the month of October, 1873.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes.
For the – Director.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.

November, 22nd 1873.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst. transmitting the Ordinary Expense a/c of your institution for the month of October, 1873, with abstract and vouchers, and to inform you that the same have been transmitted to the First Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Jacob F. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer in charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

November 22d, 1873.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense a/c for the month of October, 1873, with abstract and vouchers, and to inform you that the same has been transmitted to the First Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

November, 22d, 1873.

Sir:

I return herewith $\$1\frac{90}{100}$ in Official postage stamps, enclosed in your letter of the 21st inst. as it will be necessary for you to pay the same from your contingent fund.

The certificate to the effect that the packag contained only printed matter was omitted throug clerical mistake.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. November 24th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt this day, per Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, of one box, containing the Bullion Accounts of your institution for the First Quarter of the fiscal year 1873-74, and to inform you that the same have been referred to the First Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Personal.

H. C. Hickok, Esq. November 24th 1873.
Acting Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Sir:

A gentleman named Charles L. Bache, a friend of Mr. Sawyer, Asst Secretary of the Treasury, is desirous of procuring a position in one of the operative departments of your institution, having had some experience in similar work.

I will thank you to confer with Messrs. Booth, DuBois and Snowden, and if a place can be provided for him to submit his name in the regular way for approval.

I am, very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

November 24th 1873.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant, transmitting the Account Current of the Bullion Fund of your institution, and to inform you that the enclosure has been referred to the Treasurer of the United States.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon.
First Auditor

November 24th 1873.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for settlement the Bullion Accounts of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the First Quarter of the fiscal year 1873-74.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

November 25th 1873.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. calling attention to the omission from the blanks sent to you, of statements of "Gold and silver of domestic production", and "Deposits & Purchases", and to inform you that these forms have this day been mailed to your address.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes.
For the Director.

Hon. James Pollock   November 26th 1873.

Superintendent &c.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith the statements showing the amount of Gold and Silver coin on hand in your institution at the close of business on the 20th. 21st. and 22d. instant.

In the statement of the 20th instant the amount of silver shipped to New York Assay Office ($24,893.28) is not deducted, and the balance appears as $32,442.20. instead of $7,548.92. This latter balance, if correct affects all subsequent statements.

In the statement of the 21st. inst. the balance at the close of business as shown by your report, is $33,426.70.

The statement for the 22d., however, brings the balance forward as $63,442.20.

As the object in asking for these reports is to check with the daily returns received from the Assay Office at New York, I will thank you to make the proper corrections.

I am, Sir, very respectfully
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary.

Personal.

H. C. Hickok Esq.   November, 26th 1873.

Act. Supt. U.S. Mint Philadelphia

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, relative to the appointment of Mr. Chas. L. Bache, and to state that I have spoken to Mr. Sawyer on the subject, and he is willing to let the matter rest until the return of the Superintendent.

Very respectfully,   H. C. Johannes

C. G. Forshey, Esq.
New Orleans, La

November 25th 1873.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. requesting information as to the amount of bullion likely to be drawn to New Orleans for coinage, &c, and to inform you that the attention of the Director will be called to the subject matter thereof, upon his return from San Francisco.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

J. M. Eckfeldt, Esq.
Supt. of Construction,
New Mint Building,
San Francisco, Cal.

November 28th 1873.

Sir:

I have to inform you that this Office is in receipt of information from Messrs. Morgan & Orr, of Philadelphia, that they have shipped to your address duplicate sets of fire bricks, ordered for the New mint at San Francisco.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Telegram.

James Pollock, Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 28th 1873

Can you mail to-day the list of employees called for in letter of the nineteenth instant. Answer.

F. H. Sawyer
Asst. Secretary of the Treasury.

Messrs. Morgan and Orr. November 28th, 1873.
#1219 - Callowhill Street.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th inst. enclosing duplicate bills for

Extra set of fire bricks -	$225	
Photographing Coining press -	15	$240.

together with shipping receipts for the same, and to inform you that the enclosures have been referred to the Supervising Architect for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq. November 28th, 1873.
Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office.
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

In reply to the inquiry contained in your letter of the 18th inst. whether the Assay made by Prof. Du Bois was from chips furnished by the Boise or New York Office, I have to state that the chips received from your Office were sent to the Philadelphia Mint, and it is presumed the test assay was made from them.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Hon. Edward Young, November 29th 1873.
Chief of Bureau of Statistics.
Sir:

I have the honor to furnish herewith the following information requested in your letter of today.

1. Coin product of the country annually.

	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
1869	$21.828.637.50.	$840.746.50.	$22.669.384.00
1870	22.257.312.50	1.767.253.50	24.024.566.00
1871	21.302.475.00	1.955.905.25	23.258.380.25
1872	20.376.495.00	3.029.834.05	23.406.329.05
1873	35.249.337.50	2.945.795.50	38.195.133.00
Total	$121.014.257.50	$10.539.534.80	$131.553.792.30

2. Coin in the country.

Gold	about	$135.000.000
Silver	"	5.000.000

3. Coinage capacity of the mints is estimated as follows:

	Gold.
Philadelphia Mint	$140.000.000
San Francisco "	50.000.000
Carson City "	12.000.000
Total Gold	$202.000.000

	Silver.
Philadelphia Mint	$6.000.000.
San Francisco "	3.000.000
Carson City "	1.000.000
Total Silver	$10.000.000

In giving the above estimated capacities of the several mints it is understood that operations are confined exclusively to one of the two metals.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Hon. James Pollock, December 1st, 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo, covering a list of the Officers, Clerks and employés of your institution with their salaries, &c. and to inform you that the same has been referred to the Register of the Treasury.

Upon comparing the list furnished with the books of this office, the following discrepancies were found to exist, viz:

1. Annie Carroll – scrubber @ $1.25 per diem, not on the Register of this Office.

2. The following appear upon our Register, but not on the list sent, viz:

J. R. Taylor – Refiner – – M. & R. Dept. – @ $3.50 per diem.
W. Williams – Melter do @ $3.75 do.
J. S. Castle – Cleaner Coiners' Dept. @ $3.00 do.

3. The compensation of the following is more than our books show to have been allowed, viz:

T. B. Crane – – Melter – – M&R. Dept. @ $2.90 per diem. On your list, $3.25.
J. J. Beckman – " @ $3.25 " " " " " $3.75.
J. W. Helfrich – Helper @ 3.60 " " " " " 3.75
Albert Singer – – Laborer @ 2.50 " " " " " 2.75
Hugo Schaner – Helper @ 2.90 " " " " " 3.50
A. McEwen – – " @ 2.90 " " " " " 3.25
D. T. Smith – " @ 2.90 " " " " " 3.25
A. Rowley – – Roller Coiners' Dept. @ 2.90 " " " " " 3.00
Wm. T. Gauss – Gas-fitter @ 2.75 " " " " " $3.\overset{50}{25}$

You will please submit nominations for the appointment and increase of compensation herein mentioned, and also inform this office whether the persons named under No. 2. are still in your employ, and if not, the date of their resignation or discharge.

You will, hereafter, please notify this Office of all changes, and transfers in the employés of your Mint.

Very respectfully
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.

Arthur de Studnitz,
Cunnersdorf, Prussia

December 1st 1873.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of November 11th 1873, enclosed please find a copy of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

F. D. Hetrich Esq
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

December 1st 1873.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 24th ultimo, I have this day mailed to your address six (6) copies of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Jacob F. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

December 2d 1873.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Official Oath of Robt. H. Buck, as clerk in your institution.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes For the Director.

Recorded in Appt. Book

Jacob F. L. Schirmer Esq. December 2d 1873.
Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The nomination of Robert H. Buck, as Assistant Calculating and Warrant Clerk, at a salary of $1800 per annum, submitted in your letter of the 25th ultimo, is hereby approved, to take effect from the date of his Official oath.

Very respectfully
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.

T. C. Acton, Esq. December 2d 1873.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, enclosing the % current of your Bullion fund, and to inform you that the same has been referred to the Treasurer of the United States.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Carl F. W. Junge, Esq. December 2d 1873.
Treas'r Chicago Savings Institution
Chicago. Ill.

Sir:

Your letter of the 29th ultimo, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred by this office to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, to whom it is presumed your order for the minor coins was sent.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dec. 2d 1873.

Sir:

Your attention is called to the following differences in the amount of coin on hand at the close of business on the 29th ult. as shown by your statements:

Daily statement of deliveries &c.

Balance on hand	Gold	$1.289.901.82
	Silver	56.228.99

Cashier's weekly statement

Amount on hand	Gold	$1.288,875.50
	Silver	61.500

Monthly Count and Examination

Amount on hand	Gold	$1.289.687.93
	Silver	62.546.45

Very respectfully.
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

December, 3d, 1873.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst. transmitting the Official Oath of Stewart Carson night-Watchman in your institution.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. December 3rd 1873.
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte. N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant making requisition for blanks for postage stamps used, and to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. December 3rd, 1873.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of December, 1873, has been approved for the sum of \$9.544.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries – 1874.	\$1.744.00
Wages of Workmen, 1874 –	7.800.00

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

O. H. La Grange Esq. December 3rd, 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco. Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo, enclosing Estimates of the Deficiency Appropriation required for the support of your institution, during the fiscal year ending June, 30, 1874.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the - Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. December 3rd 1873.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst. transmitting "Report of Official postage stamps used during the month of November 1873", and to inform you that the enclosure has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the - Director.

Telegram Hendricks Bros. Dec. 4th 1873.
#49 - Cliff St. New York City.

Can you ship immediately five thousand pounds Ingot Copper to San Francisco - send price - answer.

J. F. Hartley.
Asst. Secretary of the Treasury.

Telegram. Thomas C. Acton. December 5th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office. New York.

Please purchase and have forwarded overland to San Francisco Mint five thousand pounds best Minnesota Copper. Hendricks Brothers offer at twenty six. Buy at lowest rate.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Superintendent U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

December 5th 1873.

Sir:

I have forwarded to your address per Adams Express Co. this day, one hundred copies of my annual report.

Additional copies will be furnished you if desired.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Dec. 5th 1873.

Sir:

When a shipment of Gold or Silver Bars is made from your office to the Philadelphia Mint to be returned in coin, will you be kind enough to take up the amount in your daily statement of business and balances.

I will also thank you to furnish me with a statement of the amount of coin due from the Philadelphia Mint on the 1st inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

December 5th 1873.

Sir:

I have this day sent you by express one box containing samples of ores, received of this Office from a gentleman residing in Missouri.

You will please cause an examination to be made thereof, and report the result to this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles Esq.
Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte. N. C.

Dec. 5th 1873.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, transmitting the Bullion Account of your institution for the quarter ending June 30, 1873, and to inform you that the same has this day been referred to the 1st Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. M. Eckfeldt. Esq.
Supt. of Construction
New Mint Building
San Francisco. Cal.

December 5th 1873.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt this day per express Co. of two packages containing
4 sets specifications, with contracts,
2 sets tracings of drawings, —
—referred to in your letter of the 26th ultimo.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. Robert Coningsby
#100 Fleet street E.C.
London, England.

December 5th/1873.

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th October addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, having been referred to me for reply I enclose herewith a copy of the Mint report for the last fiscal year just issued, in which the silver question is treated at some length.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. C. G. Forshey
New Orleans Academy of Sciences.
New Orleans, La.

December 5th/1873.

Sir:

I have enclosed to your address by this mail copies of my Annual Report, report on examination of branch mints, and pamphlets treating on the question of free coinage.

These different works contain about all the information it is possible to furnish on the subject of your letter of the 21st ultimo.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

December 6th, 1873

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th instant is at hand, and your action in purchasing the three casks of Minnesota copper @ 26½¢ is approved. A draft for the amount of the bills will be sent upon their receipt accompanied by bill of lading.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mat Weaver, Esq.
Cashier Citizens Nat'l Bk.
Urbana, Ohio.

December 6th 1873.

Sir:

I have this day endorsed the check that accompanied your letter dated the 14th ultimo, and have referred both the check and letter to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, who will forward in due time the minor coins required. Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of circular from this office in relation to the issue of Minor Coins.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. Jas. C. Booth
Melter & Refiner
Mint U. S. Philadelphia.

Dec. 6th, 1873.

Sir:

Yours of Nov. 11th received this morning. In reply I have to say that I am in no particular hurry for the statements asked for, and can wait until you have completed your system for ascertaining accurately the amount of losses in each month's operations.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. December 6th, 1873.
Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt this day, per Adams Express Co. of the Account Current, abstract and vouchers of the Ordinary Expenditures of your institution for the month of November, 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock, December 6th, 1873.
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find draft #5350 of Winona Deposit National Bank for $\$16^{00}$, endorsed payable to your order.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. R. W. Tayler December 6th, 1873.
First Comptroller.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for file in your office, the Official Bonds of the following named Officers and employés of the U.S. Assay Office, Boise City, Idaho, viz:

Albert Wolters, Assayer.
Robt. Heuschkel, Melter & Refiner.
Louis Scholl, Laborer.
Edwin C. Sterling, Clerk.

(over)

Robt. Mobly. Assistant.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq.
Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office.
Boise City, Idaho.

December 6, 1873.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the Official Bonds of the following named Officers and employes of your institution have been approved by the Director, and Secretary of the Treasury, and referred to the 1st Comptroller of the Treasury for file in that Office, viz:

Albert Wolters. Assayer
Robt. Heuschkel, Melter & Refiner.
Louis Scholl. Laborer.
Edwin C. Sterling, Clerk, and Robt. Mobly, Asst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia. Pa.

December 6, 1873.

Sir:

The Regulations for the transaction of business at the Mints and Assay Offices being now under revision preparatory to being printed, I have to request that you will prepare and submit without delay, a medal and specimen coin circular, to take the place of the one issued by you some time since and pending the consideration of the medal Regulations.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director

Recorded in Appt. Book.

O. H. La Grange Esq. December 8th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.
Sir:

The following changes in the General Department of your institution, submitted in your letter of the 28th instant, are hereby approved, viz: John Barry, Messenger, transferred to Watchman. Nov. 1. 1873.
S. Messenger. Workman, transferred to Watchman. Nov. 1. 1873.
S. Worrill. Workman, transferred duty as Porter. Nov. 1. 1873.
I have to call your attention to a letter from this Office dated the 26th of August last, signed by the Secretary of the Treasury, and to request that the instructions therein contained to submit all nominations, removals and transfers immediately when made, and not to delay the same until the end of the month, be complied with.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon, December 8th 1873.
First Auditor
Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Ordinary Expense a/c of the Philadelphia Mint, with abstract & vouchers for the months of October and November, 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Wm A. Richardson
December 8th 1873.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I respectfully suggest that the following item be stricken out of the estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, and included in the Deficiency Estimates and Bill for the current fiscal year:

"For new machinery, fixtures, apparatus and repairs, necessary to put the mint at New Orleans in condition for the coinage of Gold and Silver and manufacture of bars, to become available on the passage of this act and be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, $50.000."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock.
December 8th 1873.

Superintendent &c.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish this office with a statement exhibiting the coins reserved for Annual Assay, at the Mints at San Francisco and Carson City for the months of January, February, and March 1873.

Statements subsequent to the time mentioned are on file in this office the object being to obtain those *prior* to the establishment and organization of this Bureau.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

F. D. Hetrich Esq. December 8th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.
Sir:

The following changes in the compensation of the employes of your institution, submitted in your letter of the 1st inst. are hereby approved to take effect from the 1st ultimo, viz:

M. E. Glover, Helper, compensation increased to $4.50 per day.

W. H. Adams, Helper, compensation increased to $4.00 per day.

Pearis Ellis, Helper, compensation increased to $4.00 per day.

You will please submit all nominations, removals and transfers immediately when made, and not delay the same until the end of the month.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

F. D. Hetrich Esq. December, 8th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.
Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of December, 1873, has been approved for the sum of $14.500.00 from the following appropriations viz:

Salaries ———	1874, —— ——	$1.500.00
Wages of Workmen,	1874, —— ——	7.000.00
Contingent Expenses,	1874. —— ——	6.000.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock, Dec. 8th. 1873.
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

An examination of your vouchers for supplies paid for during October and November shows but little if any reduction in price, notwithstanding the almost general decline in the market rates during the last two months.

Your attention is invited to the subject, to the end that all supplies for the mint be obtained at not above market rate.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. D. Hetrich Esq. December 8th. 1873.
Superintendent &c.
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information a copy of the report of Arthur Orr Esq. who recently visited your institution by direction from this Office.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
O. H. La Grange Esq.
Superintendent &c.
San Francisco, Cal.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq. December 8th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.
Sir:

The "Bullion Account" of your institution for the quarter ending September 30th 1873, not having as yet come to hand, I have to request that you cause the same to be forwarded without delay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq. December 9th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.
Sir:

As the coinage act requires the profits and moneys arising from all charges and deductions at the mints to be covered into the Treasury of the United States at least twice in every year, you will please furnish me with a statement of the amount transferable on September 30, 1873, itemizing the gold and silver separately. This statement you will furnish without delay. It will be necessary to leave a part of the balance untransferred, for the purpose of defraying the wastages of the current year, those of the last fiscal year having, I suppose, been charged to the proper accounts pursuant to the instructions contained in my letter of June 14th 1873. In order to prevent any inconvenience to depositors, the Secretary of the Treasury has been requested to increase your bullion fund in the sum of $150.000 gold, and the transfer on account of profits will not be made until the statement called for has been received and compared with the books of the Auditor and further instructions from this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

Dec. 9th 1873.

Sir:

In reply to yours of yesterday relative to statements of operations in the Melter and Refiner's and Coiner's Department, I have to say that the Coiner's statement should show each delivery made to him by the Superintendent noting separately the loss in each operation.

In view of the Regulations which will shortly be issued from this Office and in order that a complete record may be kept of Mint operations, I have asked for similar statements from all the Mints and Assay Offices.

The statement presented by Mr. Booth, mentioned in your letter of yesterday, has not as yet been received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange Esq. December 9th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Arrangements are being made for the withdrawal and transfer east of so much of your silver bullion fund as may be in the form of subsidiary silver coins.

You will therefore continue such coinage when not engaged upon the coinage of gold and trade dollars.

After the proposed transfer is made, and if the price of silver rules sufficiently low, another purchase of silver bullion will be made, - in relation to which further instructions will be sent you.

It is important, for obvious reasons, that no intimation whatever of the contemplated transfer of coin to the east be given to the public.

The propriety of increasing the capacity of the Carson Mint, by the addition of another coining press, is under consideration.

Should this course be decided upon, we will send the press made for your Mint a few years ago to Carson, and have another one manufactured for the new Mint in San Francisco.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson. December 9th 1873.
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir:

The profits of the mint at Carson have been permitted to remain as a bullion fund, and now amount to about $150.000 in gold and silver.

The Coinage act requiring the moneys arising from all sources at the Mints and Assay offices to be covered into the Treasury of the United States, I propose to cause the above stated sum to be covered into the Treasury as soon as the accounts for the quarter ending September 30, 1873, are adjusted.

The bullion fund of that mint amounts to $150,000, which is not sufficient for the prompt payment of depositors, and I respectfully recommend that it be increased $150.000 gold. Such increase will enable the profits to be transferred to the Treasury without causing any inconvenience to depositors.

If the addition to the bullion fund herein requested is approved and ordered please advise me that the Superintendent at Carson may be instructed accordingly.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

G. B. Newton Esq. Dec. 9th 1873.
Dear Sir:

Please quote retail price of Lehigh coal, for Oct. Nov. & present time. Also oak wood.
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Very truly
H. R. Linderman. Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. December 9th 1873.
Superintendent &c.
New York.

Sir:

Agreeable to the request contained in your letter of the 8th inst. I have forwarded to you per this days mail 20 copies of Mint Bureau Circular No. 5.

A re-print of this circular is being made, and as soon as received from the printer additional copies will be furnished you if desired.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock, Dec. 9th 1873.
Superintendent &c.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from John T. Money Esq. dated the 8th inst. requesting two hundred (200) copies of my annual report. I have sent you by express this day 120 copies. As there is a large demand for them, and the supply somewhat limited I cannot at present supply the full amount of your requisition.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Moro Phillips Esq.
Philada. Dec. 9th 1873.

Dear Sir:

Oblige me with a quotation for Nitric & Sulphuric Acids, for Oct. Nov. & the present time.

Oblige very truly
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

O. H. La Grange
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal. December 10th 1873.

Quote price of standard silver. Continue coinage of subsidiary coin, giving priority to necessary gold and trade dollar coinage. How much subsidiary will you have ready by close of month?

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal. December 10th 1873.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find Bill of Lading for 3 casks Minnesota copper, shipped to your address by Hendricks Brothers of New York. The bills for the same, amounting to \$1318^{37}, have been referred to the Accounting Officer for settlement from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, 1874.

You will cause the necessary entry to be made against the appropriation on the books of your office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

Hon. James Pollock December 10th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Section 42 of the Coinage Act provides that "once at least in every year, and at such time as the Director shall appoint, there shall be an accurate and full settlement of the accounts of the Coiner and Melter and Refiner."

The Regulations soon to be printed will prescribe the close of each fiscal year as the time for the settlement, at all Mints and the Assay Office New York, required by the above section.

It has been the custom to make the settlement at the Mint at Philadelphia and Assay Office New York at the close of the calendar year. The change contemplated will make the next settlement cover a period of eighteen months, unless a settlement be made at the close of the calendar year.

I will thank you to confer with the coiner and melter and Refiner, and give me your views as to the propriety of having a settlement at the usual time in view of that to be made at the close of the fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

December 10th 1873.

Sir:

Section 42 of the Coinage Act, provides that once at least in every year, and at such time as the Director shall appoint, there shall be an accurate and full settlement of the accounts of the Melter and Refiner.

The regulations soon to be printed will prescribe the close of each fiscal year as the time for the settlement at all Mints and Assay Office New York, required by the above section.

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I will thank you to confer with the Melter and Refiner, and give me your views as to the propriety of having a settlement at the usual time in view of that to be made at the close of the fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. H. B. Slocomb
Care of F. D. Hetrich,
Carson City, Nev.

December 10, 1873.

Sir:

Your sworn statement in explanation of your removal as an employé of the Carson Mint has been received and carefully examined, and

Mr. R. E. Preston, of the 1st Auditor's Office, reports that it corresponds with the verbal statements made to him by the Superintendent, Melter and Refiner, and others having cognizance of the facts in the case.

The placing of bullion, however small in amount, in any place other than that designated by law and regulations for its reception and safe keeping, is irregular and cannot be permitted and your "keeping back the sweepings of the floor of one day, to bring into the account of the next," was therefore an irregularity; but I am entirely satisfied that the transaction was free from any wrong intentions on your part, and cannot be regarded as affecting your integrity.

In stating my conclusion upon the subject, no reflection is intended to be made upon the officers who took action in the case, nor do I desire to even suggest to the present officers as to whether you should be re-instated: that is a question entirely for them to decide.

I enclose a copy of Mr. Preston's communication to me in relation to your case.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. D. Hetrich Esq. Dec. 10th 1873.
Supt. Mint. U.S.
Carson City. Nev.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 2d inst.

enclosing statements asked for in my letter of the 7th ult.

These statements are in the main satisfactory but do not furnish the details I desire for my records.

In the statement of the Coiner's operations each delivery of ingots made to the Coiner by the Superintendent, and the loss in each working as shown by the work book, should be stated.

In the report of the Melter and Refiner's operations the weight before and after melting, the M & R's deductions and the loss in melting should be noted. I enclose a blank form for each of the statements asked for.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hendricks Bros. December 10th 1873.
#49 - Cliff Street
New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th inst. enclosing duplicate bills for 3 casks of copper shipped to mint at San Francisco, amounting to $1,318.37, together with B/L of the same, and to inform you that they have been referred to the 1st Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq. December 10th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a communication addressed to Mr. H. B. Slocomb, late of your mint, and will thank you to forward the same to him.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jacob F. L. Schirmer, Esq. December 11th 1873.
Assayer in charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Ordinary Expense Account of your institution for the month of November, 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. Paton, Esq. Dec. 11th 1873.
#52 Wall Street
New York.

Sir:

I have this day mailed to your address six (6) copies of Mint Circular No. 5. as requested in your letter to the Secretary of the Treasury under date of Dec. 9. 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock, December 11th 1873.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philada. Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish this office with the following statements:
Amount of old material sold during Quarter ending Sept. 30. 1873.
Profits arising from manufacture and sale of medals, proof and specimen coins for same period.
In order that the amounts arising from these two items may be properly credited to the earnings of your mint, I think it advisable that similar statements be rendered quarterly hereafter.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon Dec. 11th 1873.
First Auditor,

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office, New York, for the month of November, 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Hon. James Pollock. December 11th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Phila.

Requisition dated yesterday calls for six thousand dollars, and letter of transmittal names eight thousand. If latter is correct send requisition accordingly.

H. R. Linderman. Director.

Hon. James Pollock, Dec. 11th 1873.
Supt. Mint. U.S.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday enclosing medal regulations and price list.

The same are hereby approved, and you are instructed to have the circular printed and ready for distribution as soon as may be convenient.

I will thank you, when printed, to send 100 copies to this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jacob F. L. Schirmer Esq. December 11th 1873.
Assayer in charge U. S. Mint.
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of December, 1873, has been approved for the sum of $2.382.55 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries ____ 1874. ____	$900.55
Wages of Workmen, 1874. ____	1,282.00
Contingent Expenses 1874. ____	200.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson   December 11th 1873.
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir:

Pursuant to your instructions I have prepared and transmit herewith draft of a Bill authorizing coinage to be executed at the Mints of the United States for such foreign countries as may apply for the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A Bill authorizing coinage to be executed at the Mints of the United States for foreign countries.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled: That it shall be lawful for the Secretary of the Treasury to cause coinage to be executed at the Mints of the United States for any foreign country applying for the same, and according to its legally prescribed standards and devices, and at a charge equal to the expenses thereof, including labor, materials, and use of machinery, to be fixed by the Director of the Mint with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury: provided, that the manufacture of such coin shall not interfere with the required coinage of the United States.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. Dec. 11th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.
Sir:

The Ordinary Expense Account of your institution for the month of November, 1873, has been this day transmitted to the 1st Auditor.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq. December 12th 1873.
Superintendent &c.
Carson City, Nev.
Sir:

You will please furnish this office with a Statement showing the amount in each denomination, and for each month of subsidiary silver coin, issued in payment for silver contained in Gold deposits from the 1st of April to the 31st of December inclusive; also the amount exchanged for Gold coin at par.

After the 1st of January next these statements will be transmitted monthly, and as soon after the close of the month as possible.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Superintendent &c.
San Francisco, Cal.

F. D. Hetrich Esq. December 12th/1873.
Superintendent &c.
Carson City, Nev.
Sir:

Your attention is called to the enclosed circular, and a strict compliance therewith requested.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Prof. J. F. L. Schirmer
Assayer in Charge
Denver, Colorado.

A. Walters, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
Boisé City, Idaho.

O. H. La Grange Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco, Cal.

Calvin J. Cowles Esq.
Assayer in Charge &c
Charlotte, N. C.

Telegram. O. H. La Grange, December 12th/1873.
Supt. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.
Am awaiting reply to despatch of tenth. See if you can arrange with Wells Fargo for transportation of silver coin from Frisco and Carson to New York at one per cent. Best we will do.

H. R. Linderman
Director of Mint.

Telegram. Thomas C. Acton December 12th/1873.
Supt. Assay Office, New York.
Yes — if you think it the best that can be done to complete amount of purchase heretofore authorized.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. December 12d 1873.
Superintendent &c.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I send you by todays mail Blank forms for the Gold and Silver workings in the Coiners Department, for the monthly statements required from your institution.

Blank forms for monthly statements from the Melter and Refiner are now in the hands of the printer, and will be forwarded as soon as received.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
F. D. Hetrich, Esq.
Carson City, Nevada.

Moro Phillips, Esq. December 12d 1873.
110 S. Delaware Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Sir:

Be pleased to submit to this office a proposition to furnish the Mint at Philadelphia with acids - subject to changes in price that may occur in the future, and oblige,

Very respectfully, yours,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Submit as a proposition originating with and emanating from you.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq. December 12th 1873.
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Carson City. Nev.
Sir:

The test assay of one Trade Dollar - Carson City coinage for July - is reported at 897.5.

Your attention is called to the low fineness of this piece, and while although within the limit, the departure is too great from ~~any~~ standard. I will thank you to be careful in the future to secure a close conformity to the standard fineness.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. M. Eckfeldt, Esq. December 12th 1873.
Supt. of Construction,
San Francisco, Cal.
Sir:

Your reports for months of July, August and September are returned herewith for a compliance with endorsements from the Supervising Architect. Copies of original bills and vouchers are also enclosed that the cost of the various items may be the better understood.

An early return of these reports, with the corrections made, is requested.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock, December 12^d 1873.
Superintendent &c.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

I send you by this days mail Blank forms for the Gold and Silver workings in the Coiners Department; also forms entitled "minor coins redeemed, re-issued and executed," for the monthly statements required from your institution.

Blank forms for monthly statements from the Melter and Refiner are now in the hands of the printer, and will be forwarded as soon as received.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jacob. F. L. Schirmer, Esq. December 12^d 1873
Assayer in charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the Ordinary Expense Account of your institution for the month of November 1873, has this day been transmitted to the First Auditor of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

Mr. F. M. DuFaur, December 12^d 1873.
16 Broad street N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8^th inst. has been placed on file in this office, to be considered as an application should vacancies occur.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

Hon. James Pollock December 12th 1873.

Supt. Mint U.S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

As the time is near at hand when specimens can no longer be struck from experimental trade dollar dies made during the present year, you are hereby authorized to strike such number of pieces as will meet the usual demand.

You will be careful to see that the regulations are strictly observed in the striking and disposition of these pieces.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson Dec. 12th 1873.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir;

In accordance with your instructions I have prepared and hand you herewith draft of a bill authorizing the issue of certificates of the net coinage value of Gold bullion deposited at the Mints and Assay Offices.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint.

Hon. D. W. Mahon December 12th 1873.

First Auditor,

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Ordinary Expense Accounts of the U. S. Mint, Denver, and U. S. Assay Office, New York, for the month of November, 1873.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Hon. James Pollock, December 12th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.
Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of December, 1873, has been approved for the sum of six thousand dollars, from the following appropriation, viz:

Contingent Expenses - 1874 - $6.000.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq. December 12th 1873.
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.
Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt this day of the Ordinary Expense Account of your institution for the month of November, 1873, and to inform you that the same has been referred to the First Auditor of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. B. Buehler M.D. December 12th 1873.
Harrisburg, Penna.
My dear Sir:

I have received your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to say that I would like to oblige you by the appointment of Mrs. Cooper but it is not in my power to do so.

Very truly yours
H. R. Linderman Director.

Hon. James Pollock, December 12th/1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. covering a communication to the Secretary of the Treasury transmitting C/D No. 398. for the sum of $25.000, on account of profits in minor coinage and to inform you that the enclosures have been forwarded to their proper destination.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock, Dec. 12th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to call your attention to a letter from this Office under date of the 1st inst. signed by the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to certain discrepancies between the list of your employés furnished and the official Register of this Office, and to request a reply at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Geo. T. Burns Esq. December 12th/1873.
P.O. Lock Box #244. Oakland. Cal.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of the 2d inst. making application for some situation in the Government employ, and in reply would say that if an opportunity presents, I shall be most happy to serve you.

I am Sir, very respectfully, H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange Esq. December 15th/1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of December, 1873, has been approved for the sum of $27.166.70 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries, — — —	1874.	$2.166.70.
Wages of Workmen	1874.	20.000.00.
Contingent Expenses	1874.	5.000.00

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Calvin J. Cowles Esq. Dec. 15th/1873.
Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of December, 1873, has been approved for the sum of $250.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries. —	1874. — —	$225.00
Wages of Workmen,	1874 — — —	25.00

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Albert Wolters Esq. December 15th/1873.
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of

December, 1873, has been approved for the sum of $800.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries — — 1874 — —	$450.00
Wages of Workmen, 1874 — — —	250.00
Contingent Expenses, 1874 — — —	100.00

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Jacob F. L. Schirmer, Esq. Dec. 15th 1873.
Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt this day of the Bullion Account of your institution for the 3rd Quarter 1873, and to inform you that the same has been referred to the 1st Auditor of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. December 15th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th instant and enclosed Certificate of Deposit for $236.43 (silver coin) on account of silver "recoinage".

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon Dec. 15th 1873.
1st Auditor.
Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Bullion Account of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado, for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1873.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. Dec. 15th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office, New York.
Sir:

Your letter of the 13th inst. and the enclosed Asst. Treasurer's Cf Deposit for $\$16.715^{74}$ on account of available profits from July 1. to September 30. 1873, has been received.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. Dec. 15th 1873.
Assayer. U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte. N. C.
Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt this day of the Ordinary Expense a/c of your institution for the month of November, 1873, and to inform you that the same has been referred to the 1st Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. Dec. 16th. 1873.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Immediately after the close of the present Quarter, I will thank you to furnish this Office with a statement showing your operations for the Quarters ending Sept. 30th and Dec. 31, 1872, and for the Quarters ending Sept. 30th. and Dec. 31, 1873.

This statement should show the amount of Gold and Silver bullion operated upon, value and kind of bars prepared, earnings from all sources, expenditures, and any other information that may suggest itself. The information is requested in order to explain to the Committee of Appropriation the cause for increased expenditures and deficiencies asked for in consequence thereof.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. December 16th, 1873.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th. inst.

On a full consideration of the case, and your recommendation to defer the annual settlement until the 30th. of June, it is decided that no settlement be made at your institution until the close of the fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

F. D. Hetrich. Esq. December 16th/1873.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Carson City. Nev.

Sir:

Immediately after the close of the present Quarter, I will thank you to furnish this Office with a statement of your operations for the Quarters ending Sept. 30th and Dec. 31. 1872 and for the Quarters ending Sept. 30th and Dec. 31. 1873.

This statement should show the amount of Gold and Silver bullion operated upon, Gold and Silver coinage (pieces and value) amount and kind of bars prepared, earnings from all sources, expenditures, and any other information that may suggest itself. The statement is requested in order to explain to the Committee of Appropriations the cause for increased expenditures, and deficiences asked for in consequence thereof.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange Esq. Dec. 16th, 1873.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco. Cal.

Sir:

Immediately after the close of the present quarter, I will thank you to furnish this Office with a statement showing the operations of your Mint for the Quarters ending Sept. 30th and Dec. 31, 1872, and for the Quarters ending Sept. 30th and Dec. 31st 1873.

This statement should show the amount of Gold and Silver bullion operated upon, Gold and Silver coinage, value and kind of bars prepared, earnings from all sources, expenditures and any other information that may suggest itself. The statement is requested in order to explain to the Committee of Appropriation the cause for increased expenditures, and deficiences asked for in consequence thereof.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

Hon. James Pollock, Dec. 16th 1873.
Supt. Mint. U.S. Philadelphia.
Sir:

Immediately after the close of the present Quarter, I will thank you to furnish this Office with a Statement showing the operations of your Mint for the Quarters ending Sept. 30th and Dec. 31st 1872, and for the Quarters ending Sept. 30th and Dec. 31. 1873.

This statement should show the amount of Gold and Silver bullion operated upon in each quarter, the Gold, Silver and Minor Coinage, (pieces and value), value and kind of bars prepared, earnings from all sources, expenditures and any other information that may suggest itself, by way of showing reasons for increase of expenses. The information is requested in order to explain to the Committee of Appropriations the cause for increased expenditures, and deficiences asked for in consequence thereof.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Count Zannini
First Secretary
Italian Legation

December, 16th 1873.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, through the Secretary of the Treasury of copies of the following documents, viz:

1. Report on Italian Credit & Commerce.
2. Report & bill regulating currency &c.
3. Monthly report showing the condition of Italian Societies of Credit & Banks, for which be pleased to accept my thanks.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson,
Secretary of the Treasury

December 16th 1873.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant, I have the honor to state that the mint at Philadelphia can proceed at once with the recoinage of the light gold coins now in the Treasury.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

O. H. LaGrange.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco. Cal.

Dec. 16th 1873.

Discontinue working overtime except so far as necessary to meet promptly demands for gold coins and trade dollars.

H. R. Linderman.
Director.

Hon. James Pollock, December 16th 1873.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 15th inst. I have to state that in as much as yourself, the Melter and Refiner, and the Coiner do not regard an annual settlement of accounts at your mint at the usual time (under the old law) as necessary, the settlement will not be made until the close of the fiscal year.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Robert Patterson Esq. December 16th 1873.

Fidelity Safe Deposit Co.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have sent to your address by this days mail two copies of my first annual report.

I regret that the copy mailed to you when first received from the printer, failed to reach you.

I am Sir, very respectfully

H. R. Linderman.

Director.

Francis O. French, Esq. Dec. 16th 1873.

20 Wall St. N.Y.

Sir:

Agreeable to the request contained in your letter of the 13th instant I send you by this days mail six copies of my annual report.

I am Sir, very respectfully

H. R. Linderman,

Director.

G. V. Drury, Esq. December 16th 1873.
#253 South 6th St.
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. and in accordance with the request contained therein, take pleasure in sending you by this days mail, a copy of my first annual report.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. December 16th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

The subject of the deficiency appropriations will receive immediate attention tho' I doubt if Congress will take any action until after the holidays.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

I shall hope to find time to come over to see you for a day before the close of the month. ~ L.

Telegram.

F. D. Hetrich, Dec. 16th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nevada.

Discontinue working overtime except so far as necessary to meet promptly demands for gold coins and trade dollars.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — December 16th 1873.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your request for an increase of the silver bullion fund of your mint will receive early attention.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. — Dec. 16th 1873.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt this day of the Ordinary Expense a/c of your institution for the month of November, 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock, — December 17th 1873.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, in relation to purchases of supplies. The plan you have adopted, of addressing letters to the principal dealers for articles that may be required, is the proper one, and is preferable to advertising as it enables you to obtain the quality, &c, required.

Referring to the letter of the Melter and Refiner, which you enclosed, I would state that a leading dealer in your city quotes the price of acids for the last three months as follows: Oil of Vitriol 66°, 2½ cts per pound; Nitric Acid, 9½ per pound, which is less than the prices paid by the mint during the same period.

The price for buckskin mitts, $22 per dozen, appears to be high, and competition for the same should be invited.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

December 17th/1873.

Sir:

In order that some action may be taken, having for its object the adjustment of the existing deficiences in the Bullion Fund of your mint, so that the balance stated in the accounts may correspond with the amount actually on hand, I have to request that you will, at your earliest convenience, furnish me with a report setting forth the history of the several items comprising the total deficit.

As these deficiences occurred some years since, and before you became Superintendent, I enclose extracts from the report to the Secretary of the Treasury of the Special Agent who made an examination of your mint in 1869, and which refer to the deficit, to aid you in the examination of accounts and report.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq.

December 17th 1873.

Assayer in charge U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Referring to the 50th section of the coinage act, I have to request that you inform me whether the series of standard weights therein required to be kept at each mint and assay office, for the purpose of testing the troy weights ordinarily employed in the transaction of business, have been supplied you, and are in good order. If not you will make a requisition on me for such weights.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Albert Wolters, Esq.
Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.
Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq.

Dec. 17th 1873.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 9th instant, I have this day mailed to your address 2 dozen (24) copies of the Annual Report.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Henry Troemner, Esq. December 17th. 1873.
710 Market st.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to request that you will manufacture for the use of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nevada, a set of coin test weights: also a series of standard weights, consisting of a one pound troy weight and the requisite subdivisions and multiples thereof from the $\frac{1}{100}$ of a gramme to 25 pounds.

Both of these sets of weights are intended to be used in the testing the troy weights ordinarily employed in the transactions of the mint. You will please, therefore, to take the utmost care in their preparation, and when finished have them tested and their accuracy certified by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia. When the weights are ready for such inspection and comparison you will notify me, whereupon the Superintendent will be instructed to make the proper test and comparison.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. M. Eckfeldt, Esq. Dec. 17th. 1873.
Supt. Machinery Branch Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Enclosed please find the contract in quadruplicate H. J. Booth & Company for the supply of machinery for the Branch Mint at San Francisco, Cal. which having been found defective in the following particulars by the

Solicitor of the Treasury are returned to you for correction viz:
"The contractor cannot sign by Attorney".
If the signature of George W. Prescott cannot be obtained to the contract then the original power of Attorney from him to H. J. Scott must accompany the contract.
"One member of a firm cannot sign the firm's name to a bond. The full names should be written and signed".

It appears that the bond has been signed by H. J. Booth for H. J. Booth and Company, you will please have each member of the firm sign the bond. If as in the case of the contract, the signature of Mr. Prescott, cannot be obtained, then his attorney may sign for him, provided the proper power of Attorney shall be furnished.

It will not be necessary to make new contracts; the signatures may be placed on the bond and contract as it is.

After the necessary corrections are made you will please return the contract in quadruplicate to this office at the earliest moment practicable.

Very Respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

American Publishing Co. December 18th 1873.
Boston. Mass.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter dated the 16th inst. requesting copies of a "table of reference" relative to computations of the Pound Sterling, & changing the same into its relative values in U. S. Gold coin.
In reply, I enclose four copies of Mint Bureau Circular No. 5. containing the information

desired.

I am very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. B. Dodge, Esq. December 18th 1873.
21 Broad street,
New York,
Sir:

Your letter of the 13th inst was received and referred to the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office, with instructions to examine and report upon the amalgamator and settler.

The result of his examination is embodied in a letter from the Melter and Refiner, (copy enclosed) in whose views I would state that I concur.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mrs. J. B. Henry Dec. 18th 1873.
#248 N. 15th St.
Philadelphia. Pa.
Madame,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 16th inst. relative to the appointment of your daughter in the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.
The appointment of employés in the Mint rests with Governor Pollock. I regret therefore my inability to comply with your request.

I am very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

F. D. Hetrich. December 18th 1873.

Supt. U. S. Mint. Carson City, Nev.

What amount of coinage in half and quarter dollars and dimes can you execute per month without arresting ordinary gold coinage. Answer at earliest convenience.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint.

Telegram. Hon. James Pollock. Dec. 18th 1873.

Supt. U. S. Mint. Philadelphia Pa.

What amount of coinage in half and quarter dollars and dimes can you execute per month, without arresting ordinary gold coinage. Answer at earliest convenience.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint.

Similar telegram sent to

O. H. La Grange,

Supt. U. S. Mint. San Francisco, Cal.

Samuel Houston, Esq. Dec. 18th 1873.

Custodian, &c.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with your verbal request to designate one of the clerks of this Bureau to draw requisitions on your Department for such articles as may be necessary for the use of the Office, I have to inform you, that Mr. Johannes, the senior clerk, has been instructed to hereafter sign all such requisitions for me.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

O. Reich. Esq. December 18th. 1873.
P. O. Box 769.
Wilkesbarre Pa.
Sir:

Your letter of the 12th instant has been received, and I have mailed to your address a copy of my Annual Report, on page 73 and 74 of which will be found tables containing the information asked for.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq. December, 18th. 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.
Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Official Oaths of the following employés of your institution, viz:

Geo: W. Hawkins.	Helper
Henry B. Slocomb.	"
Hugh R. Logan	"
Robt. W. Bolben	Watchman.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq. Dec. 18th. 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.
Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt this day of the Ordinary Expense Account of your institution for the month of November, 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director

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Telegram. O. H. La Grange, December 19th 1873.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

Am awaiting reply as to lowest terms of Express Company for transporting silver east.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Hon. James Pollock. December 19th 1873.

Superintendent, &c.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 18th inst. calling my attention to an alloy resembling silver, recently patented in this country.

On inquiry at the Patent Office, I find that there was no sample of the alloy filed with the application.

I obtained however a printed copy of the specification, in which the component parts of the alloy are stated, and which I enclose for your information. I will thank you to cause such experiments to be made with this alloy as shall determine how far it is. - in the hands of dishonest persons, - adapted for manufacture into coin resembling the silver coin, and the means of distinguishing it from silver; and to report the result thereof to this office.

You will also please furnish a small ingot made according to the specification of the inventor.

I am, Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

Hon. James Pollock December 19th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

I have yours of the 17th instant, in reference to striking pieces from the different experimental trade dollar dies.

Your recommendation to fix the price of each piece at $3.00 currency, is approved.

Of the four sets of pieces proposed to be struck in copper, two will be sent to this office and two retained for the cabinet of the mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock. December 19th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

Your attention is invited to the three sets of metric weights sent to your mint for comparison with the standard weights some time since, and you are requested, if the comparison has been made and their accuracy ascertained, to return two of the sets to this office, retaining one set for use in the mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson December 19th 1873.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 17th in reference to the proper disposition of the extra Field Medal. If the medal is to be preserved, I agree with you that the cabinet of the Philadelphia mint is the most appropriate place for it, but I respectfully suggest for your consideration, whether it had not better be melted and its coin value covered into the Treasury of the United States.

The dies from which the medal was struck belong to the Government and are in the custody of the Philadelphia Mint, and Copper bronzed copies of the medal have been placed with the series of National Medals in the Cabinet of that institution. All of these medals are copper (bronzed) and whatever additions are made to the collection should in my opinion be of the same material.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock December 19th 1873.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with your request of the 17th inst. I enclose herewith "Statement of U. S. gold coins deposited at U. S. mint Philadelphia for recoinage".

Please return the statement to this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco. Cal.

December 20th 1873.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant, relative to a difference of $318.20 between the books of the 1st Comptroller's office and your institution, I have to invite your attention to the enclosed statement prepared from the books of this office, which shows the discrepancy to be in the items of $2.70 for pair of letter scales, and $315.50 for mileage from Washington to San Francisco of R. E. Preston, who accompanied me on my late visit to your city.

You will please cause these amounts to be entered in your books against the appropriation.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia. Pa.

December 20th 1873.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. covering letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and Certificate of Deposit for \$163^{00} on a/c of old material sold, which letter and certificate have been forwarded as requested.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. December 20th, 1873
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

While the price of gold remains too high to warrant the payment of silver coins by the Treasury, the daily telegraphic dispatch which you have been sending for the past few weeks may be discontinued.

In one of your recent letters you speak of the Mexican silver coins as averaging 908 to 909. As such fineness is above the tolerance of the Mexican coinage, I will thank you to report to me in detail as to the weight and fineness of the coins in question: noting, also, the average weight and fineness of one thousand pieces.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock Dec. 20th 1873.
Supt. Mint U. S. Philada.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday enclosing Statements of Deposits and purchases, and bars manufactured during the month of November.

There are still due this office, monthly Statements for October and November showing the localities from whence the Deposits of Gold and Silver bullion are derived.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock. December 20th 1873.
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In reply to yours of yesterday relative to an omission from my Annual Report of the amount received at your Mint from Assays of ores during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1873, I have to say that no report covering the above item was ever received at this office.

Prior to the making up of the Annual Report, Circular letters were sent to the Mints and Assay offices asking for a Statement of Earnings from *all* sources. The only Institution that embraced in its earnings the amount derived from private assays, was the New York Assay Office.

I think it advisable hereafter to embrace in your *Quarterly* statement of Earnings and Expenditures, the amount received during each Quarter from Assays of ores as well as your medal profits and amount received from sale of old materials.

I will make a note of the item of last years receipts from the source alluded to, in the first appropriate statement and have the latter printed. An opportunity to do this, will it is expected, occur next month.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. December 20th/1873.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I enclose herewith your dispatch of this date and will thank you to inform me if it is correct as you sent it to the office in New York. What has caused the advance in silver to 126½?

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Wm. E. DuBois Esq. Dec. 20th/1873.
Assayer Mint U. S.
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Will you be kind enough to inform me how many grains troy are contained in a South American ounce of Gold.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. Paton, Esq. Dec. 22d, 1873.
Bank of Br. N. America
#52 Wall Street, N. Y.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 19th inst. I have this day mailed to your address, twenty (20) copies of Treasury Department Circular No. 116. (Mint Bureau No. 5.)

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. Henry McCaslin December 22nd/1873.
Elkton. Hickory Co.
Mo.

Sir:

Referring to the subject matter of your letter of the 12th ultimo, I have to invite your attention to the enclosed copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, to whom the specimens were sent for analysis.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. Henry Troemner December 22nd/1873.
710 Market Street
Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish me with a descriptive list of the test weights which you usually furnish the Mints and Assay offices. The list should embrace each weight from the highest to the lowest.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Genl. Hillhouse Dec. 22d/1873.
U. S. Assist Treasurer
New York.

Sir:

At the request of the Hon. C. L. Merriam, I have sent you by this days mail, a copy of my annual report.

I regret that the three copies mailed to your address some two weeks since failed to reach you.

I am Sir very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon Dec. 22d 1873.
1st Auditor

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for settlement the Ordinary Expense a/c of the U. S. Mint San Francisco, for the month of November, 1873.

Your attention is invited to the salary paid C. E. Wilkins, Workman, Coiners' Dept. the same being in excess of the compensation allowed (E).

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock. Dec. 22nd 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

At all government institutions using coal, &c. there are, so far as my knowledge extends, platform scales for weighing that and other articles. If room for putting one in place for the use of the Mint is available, I suggest that you furnish me with an estimate of the cost in order that the item may be included in the estimates of appropriations soon to be sent to Congress.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jno. H. Wheeler Esq. December 22d. 1873.
Washington D. C.
Sir:

Upon receipt of this letter you will proceed to Charlotte, N. C. and make an examination into the manner of transacting business at the Assay Office in that city.

Your examination will embrace the receipt of bullion, its custody, the manner of operating upon and accounting for it to depositors; the collection and care of sweeps; what amount of sweeps, if any, are now on hand; the manner of keeping the accounts and condition of records; the mode of purchasing supplies, and whether purchases are made at lowest market rates: also, the condition of the building and machinery, and as to the attendance of officers and employés.

Your compensation will be \$10^{00} per diem and actual expenses.

At the conclusion of your examination you will report the result thereof in detail to me.

You will require the Assayer in charge to submit a statement of balances of monies on hand, count the same and ascertain if the amount corresponds with sum shown on Books of account.

Mr. Cowles, the Assayer in charge, is hereby requested to render you any assistance that may be necessary to comply with these instructions.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. December 22d 1873.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York.

Sir:

I return herewith the letter of Assayer Torrey that accompanied yours of the 18th inst. and will thank you to recommend or disapprove the nomination of George Cummings, as Messenger, @ $1.00, per diem, as you may deem proper.

I have also to request an expression of your views on the increase of compensation to Wilder Sylvester and Gibbs.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq Dec. 22d 1873.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The Ordinary Expense Account of your institution for the month of November, 1873, has this day been transmitted to the 1st Auditor for settlement.

The attention of the Auditor has been called to the compensation of C. J. Wilkins, Workman, the same being in excess of the amount submitted in your letter of the 10th ultimo, and approved, Nov. 21st 1873.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. F. D. Hetrich. December 23d. 1873.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.

Send me tariff of refining or toughening charges in force at your Mint; also your recommendation as to charge for melting silver deposits for trade dollars.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar telegram sent to
O. H. La Grange
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco Cal.

Hon. James Pollock December 23d. 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

If you have the rates of charges on bullion, &c, of your institution printed, please send me a few copies.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. Assay Office
New York.

Telegram O. H. La Grange Dec. 23d. 1873.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco. Cal.

Please keep place for one female adjuster open until my letter on subject reaches you.

H. R. Linderman. Director.

Hon. James Pollock — December 23d/1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

The demand for silver coin to be sent to Texas continues quite large, and I have to request that you will enforce the working of eight hours per diem, in order that the law may be complied with and the demand for silver coin met without an extra demand upon the appropriations.

Will you please inform me of what the silver coinage will amount to during the balance of the month?

I am awaiting a report from Superintendent La Grange, as to the mode of transporting silver bullion east, before requesting an increase to your silver bullion fund. It is intended to give it to you in fine silver bars if possible.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. C. Paquet Esq. — Dec: 23d/1873.
1217 North 15th St. Philada. Pa.

Dear Sir:

Nothing can be done in relation to the Metis medals until an appropriation is obtained from Congress. The necessary appropriation has been asked for & will no doubt be made during the present session of Congress. As the model for the machine for the coinage rim is finished what is the next step proposed?

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

Hon. James Pollock, December 23d. 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

All gains arising from charges for assays, and any grains or sweepings from the Assayer's department, will be turned over to the Superintendent from time to time, and by him paid into the treasury of the United States as other gains are paid at least twice in every fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson Dec. 23d. 1873.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Having received no replies to our Circular of April 5, 1873 from the representatives of the United States in Russia, Spain, Portugal and Canada, I have the honor to request that one of the enclosed copies of that circular be forwarded to the U. S. Representative in each of these countries, through the Secretary of State.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Thomas C. Acton. Dec. 23d. 1873.
Supt. Assay Office, New York.

What amount in round numbers was the shipments of silver coin to Texas in November and December:

H. R. Linderman. Director of the Mint.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. December 23d 1873.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have to thank you for the interesting information contained in yours of yesterday, in reference to the weight and fineness of Mexican dollars.

I suppose these are new coins, and the evident intention of varying the fineness appears to be to bring up the value of the coins to that of the trade dollar.

In the same letter you promise the result of the melts of spanish doubloons.

I embrace the present opportunity to request that whenever any new foreign coins appear in your market, and obtainable at their bullion value, that you will cause assays of them to be made, reporting the result to me with the weight and value. The date of coinage to be also noted.

These results are designed for use in the preparation of the Annual Report of this Office.

I note what you say in another letter of same date in reference to the demand for silver coin for Texas, and will state for your information that on the occasion of my last visit to Philadelphia I instructed the Superintendent of the mint in that city to discontinue the working of extra hours. This will cause the rate of coinage to be somewhat reduced. If you think the demand likely to last for sometime the question of resuming extra time will be considered.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

Messrs. Sailer and Stevenson December 23d/1873.
46 South Third St.
Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

Your note of advice and coins by express were received today, for which I enclose U. S. Treasurer's dft. #28341 for $32.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Frank D. Hetrich Esq. December, 23d/1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City. Nev.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the Ordinary Expense Account of your institution for the month of November 1873, has this day been transmitted to the 1st Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon. Dec. 23d/1873.
1st Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for settlement the Ordinary Expense a/c of the Mint of the United States, Carson City, Nevada, for the month of November 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

George F. Dunning, Esq., December 24th/1873.
"Bennett Building"
New York.

My dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 23rd. instant, enclosing one from Isaac F. Smith in reference to some business transaction between himself and Messrs. Morgan & Orr, of Philadelphia.

I do not think it would be proper for me to transmit these papers to Morgan & Orr, and therefore return them to you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. Dec. 24th/1873.
Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte N. C.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 19th. instant, I have to inform you that a set of standard weights, from 300 troy ounces to 0.1 of an ounce, have been ordered, for the use of your institution.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. Henry Troemner Esq. December 24th/1873.
710 Market St.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to request that you cause to be prepared a set of standard weights, from 300 troy ounces to 0.1 of an ounce, the same being for the use of the United States Assay Office at

Charlotte N.C; and that you notify this office when ready for shipment.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

The above Weights must be tested at the Mint and their accuracy certified. _ H.R.L.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Dec. 24th/1873.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of January, 1874, has been approved for the sum of $38,158.34, from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1874,	$3.158.34
Wages of Workmen	1874,	25,000.00
Contingent Expenses	1874,	10.000.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

David Proskey, Esq.
57. Courtlandt St.
New York.

Dec. 24th, 1873.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant, and to state that it is impossible for me to comply with your request, as this Bureau was not organized until, 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock, December 26th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to me by express, C.O.D., the following medals:

	Miscellaneous.	
#44	Japanese embassy medal,	$2,00
	Washington Medals.	
#77	Presidency relinquished	1.00
#78	The Cabinet medal	1.00
#79	Time increases his fame	.50
#80	Commencement of Cabinet	25
#81	Small head of Washington	25

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Louis A. Garnett, Esq. Dec. 26th 1873.
President Assaying and Refining Works
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th inst. to the Secretary of the Treasury in reference to the future policy of the Government as to refining gold and silver, has been received.

Reports showing the expenses of refining or parting, compared with the charges therefor during the six months ending December 31st 1873, have been called for from Philadelphia, Carson and New York, and their receipt is expected by the 15th proximo, soon after which the proposition of your company will be considered by the Secretary.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia

December 26th, 1873.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 23rd instant, in reference to the old reducing machine in the hands of Mr. Barber, has been received.

I am inclined to think that the machine should be returned to the mint and kept there. As intimated by you, it should not be left with Mr. Barber unless paid for. If the latter course is pursued, competition for its purchase should be afforded.

The shortest and most direct way would be to have the machine returned to the mint, and the propriety of selling it afterwards considered and determined.

As the case now stands, the machine, if used, undoubtedly conflicts with the law.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

Dec. 26th/1873.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 18th inst. covering a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury enclosing C/D #524, #525 respectively for the sums of \$68,237.13 and \$6,666.10 coin, arising from Coinage charge and excess of parting charges for fiscal year 1873, and to inform you that the same have been forwarded to their proper destination.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

Hon. James Pollock December 26th 1873.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

The printed table of charges in force at the New York Assay Office concludes with the following paragraph:

"Neither silver contained in Gold, nor Gold in silver, is to be separated for the benefit or at the expence of the depositor, unless the value of the parted metal exceeds the expenses of the operation, estimated according to the above charges, one dollar or more.

This does not conform to the regulations prescribed to take effect July 1st 1873. Please inform me whether the same interpretation as that at New York has been given at your mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. Dec. 26th 1873.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

The concluding paragraph in your printed table of charges appears not to conform to the regulations prescribed to take effect July 1st 1873, a copy of which is enclosed and will be observed on and after the 1st proximo.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq. December 27th/1873.
Assayer - U. S. Assay Office.
Boise City, Idaho.
Sir:

It appears from the accounts rendered by you that you expended on account of contingent expenses $809.99 for the fiscal year ending June 30th/1873, and paid the same out of the appropriation for wages of workmen. This amount was disallowed by the Auditor and will have to be covered by a deficiency appropriation. Will you please inform me whether you have included this amount in your deficiency estimates, and if not supplement the same.

You will be careful in future not to employ funds remitted to you on account of your appropriations for any other items than those contemplated by law. You cannot lawfully use the appropriation for wages in the payment of incidental expenses, nor the latter for the former.

Incidental expenses refer only to such articles as are usually required to carry on the necessary business of the office, and anything outside of the same should be referred to this office for its action.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. Dec. 27th/1873.
Assayer - U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte. N. C.
Sir:

The books of the Department show balances on account of the following appropriations to be in your hands:

Wages of Workmen, 1873.	$20.00
Contingent Expenses, 1873.	882.43
Total	902.43.

I have to request that you deposit this amount to the credit of these appropriations, (naming the amount paid to each) with the nearest designated Depository of the United States, taking receipts in triplicate, the original to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury and the triplicate to this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock Dec. 27th/1873
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.

Dear Sir:

The Secretary of the Navy desiring one of the Assay Medals of 1873, in Silver, aluminum or bronze, I will thank you to forward me one with a Bill for the regular charge. Oblige,

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

To the President of the Dec. 27th/1873.
New York Historical Society
11th St. and 2d Ave. N. Y.

Sir:

I have sent by this days mail to the N. Y. Historical Society pamphlet copies relating to "Free Coinage", "Wastage of Silver Bullion", and the first annual report of the Director of the Mint. Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

O. H. La Grange Esq. December 27th/1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco. Cal.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 19th inst. I have to say that the propriety of furnishing you with a copy of Commissioner Pollock's report will be considered when the same is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock Dec. 27th/1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday enclosing a communication to the Secretary of the Treasury with C/D #447 for $1250 on account of profits of the medal fund, and to inform you that the same have been forwarded to their proper destination.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. M. Eckfeldt. Dec. 29th/1873
U. S. Mint. San Francisco. Cal.

Have mailed an additional bill of Morgan & Orr that should have accompanied letter of December twelfth. Hold accounts until received.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Hon. James Pollock December 29th 1873.
Supt. Mint. Philada.
Dear Sir:

At my request Mr. Conant of the Secretary's Office, Mr. Preston of the 1st Auditors Office & Mr. Johannes of this office visit the Mint and will examine its condition, the mode of doing business &c. Please afford them every facility for the performance of their duty.

Very Respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Examination to be made of the Philadelphia Mint by Messers. Conant, Preston & Johannes.

1. Method of receiving & weighing deposits and purchases of bullion. Its treatment in deposit melting room, return to weigh-room or receiving room, and credit after deposit melting to depositor. See if transfer to & from deposit melting-room is properly guarded, also ascertain the particulars as to its deposit, melt, gathering of grains from crucible & flux for benefit of depositor, & the disposition of residuum flux, — how disposed of, where kept and to what account credited.

A Mr. Runkel appears upon the rolls as Superintendent of Deposit Melting. Ascertain what duty he actually performs. If named as "Weigher" see what duties he performs.

2. See as to custody of metals by the Melter & Refiner; care observed in sending it to Refinery for refining & parting, how cared for while undergoing these operations and return to the Melter & Refiner's vaults. Ascertain next the method

of preparing bullion for fine bars or ingots for Coinage; as to safety while being alloyed & converted into bars or ingots, and transfer to & from ingot Melting Rooms.

3. As to care of standard Gold & Silver by Coiner. Its transfer to Rolling room, rolling, annealing, cutting, cleaning or "whitening," milling and stamping. As to transfers to & from operating rooms, and the care taken for its security.

4. Same as to Base Metal or token coin alloys.

5. Examine as to manufacture and redemption of Token Coins, and especially as to whether the present checks are amply sufficient to ensure the safety of those coins intended for melting.

The point of danger is the taking out by Foreman, Workman, &c. of coins & substituting uncoined metal of corresponding standard - copper 3/4 - nickel 1/4 -

6. Examine method of accounting.

7. Count all monies in the Superintendent's hands, after close of business or on first going to the Mint in the morning. The latter preferable for many reasons.

8. As far as practicable, examine the duties performed by Assistants & Clerks, and whether regular clerks are on wages roll performing clerical duties.

9. Enquire as to custody of the building at night, - i.e. from close of business each day until opening of business next morning.

10. As far as practicable examine as to number of employés, duties performed, and whether the force is excessive. Similar Examination to be made at the New York

Assay Office.

11. Examine Medal Business and whether there is conformity to instructions.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 29th 1873.

Jacob F. L. Schirmer Esq. December 29th 1873.
Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The leave of absence for 30 days, requested in your letter of the 23rd inst. to enable you to visit Washington for the purpose of a conference with this office, and procuring apparatus for silver assays by the wet process, is hereby granted.

Your attention is invited to the provision of section 9 of the coinage act, which requires you to appoint some person attached to your mint to act in your place during your absence, and to report the same for the approval of the Director.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock Dec. 29th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have this day sent to your address per Adams Express Co. one package containing clips & grains from the Carson Mint, which you will please assay & return the value in coin to this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock December 29th 1873.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

On examining the records of mint correspondence turned over to this office by the Secretary of the Treasury soon after its organization, I find that it covers the period of time which has elapsed since July 1. 1834. It appears to be understood that the correspondence prior to that time was destroyed by a fire in the old treasury building in 1833.

I deem it important that copies of the correspondence between the mint and the treasury and other Departments of the government should be filed in this office, and the records completed as far as possible. I will thank you, therefore, to cause to be neatly copied in a book (forwarded to you today by Adams Express) all the letters received and sent by the Director from the organization of the Mint to June 30th 1834.

The consideration of this matter brings to my mind the fact that there has been kept in the assay department notes of important matters connected with the manipulation of the precious metals and coinage of this and other countries, copies of which would be of great value to this office.

They present also the conclusions of the well stored mind and ripe experience of the late Jacob R. Eckfeldt. With the consent of the assayer, I should like also, carefully prepared copies of the notes in question.

If this work cannot be conveniently done by the clerks now employed, you are authorized to employ a suitable person for the purpose, at a compensation of $5.00 per diem, payable out of the appropriation for wages of workmen. This appointment will be submitted in due form and regarded as temporary.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange Esq. Dec. 29th 1873.
San Francisco. Cal.
Sir:

On consultation with the 1st Comptroller of the Treasury in reference to the Bill of Bernard Sandy, I find that the fact of Mr. Sandy's employment at the Mint will exclude the allowance of his account. In view of the extra services rendered by that gentleman, and in consideration of similar duties in the future, the increase of his per diem compensation from $7.50 to $8. will be approved by this office, to date from January 1st 1874.

Very truly
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Thos. C. Acton. Dec. 29th 1873.
Supt. Assay Office
New York.

I expect to be at your office on Wednesday.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Jacob F. L. Schirmer Esq. December 29th/1873.
Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint.
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant, I have to say that the set of grain weights will be obtained after your arrival here. Pennyweights being no longer used in mint practice, the question of their purchase will not be decided until you explain for what purpose they are required.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. M. Eckfeldt, Esq. Dec. 29th 1873.
Supt. of Construction
New Mint Building
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 12th instant and telegram of this date, I enclose herewith a copy of the bill of Messrs. Morgan & Orr.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Henry Troemner Dec. 29th 1873.
710 Market St.
Philada.

Have Paquett meet me at your place noon tomorrow.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Telegram.

Hon. James Pollock Dec. 29th 1873.
Supt. Mint. Philada.

I will be at the Mint tomorrow. Have James there.

H. R. Linderman.
Director Mint.

Hon. James Pollock January 2d 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint. Phila.

Dear Sir:

Having examined with you the gold coins received from the Asst. Treasurer at St. Louis for recoinage, and finding that the greater portion of the same are in good condition, and not requiring re-coinage under the law, I suggest that you retain the same until I can submit the subject to the Secretary of the Treasury, with a view to the issue of an order for the weighing of each piece at the Mint, and the re-issue of all that are found in proper legal condition, as to weight.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

J. M. Eckfeldt, Esq. Jany 2nd 1874.
Supt. of Construction
San Francisco. Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of the 30th ultimo, I return herewith for further correction, your reports for the months of July, August, and September, 1873.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. Jan'y 2d 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York. N. Y.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, enclosing the Official Oath of C. S. Wale, Night Watchman in your institution.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Collector of Customs Jan'y. 3d 1874.
New Orleans. La.

Sir:

I have this day mailed to your address one hundred copies of Mint Circular No. 6. 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York City.

Collector of Customs
Boston.
Mass.

Collector of Customs
Philadelphia. Pa.

Collector of Customs
Baltimore, Md.

Collector of Customs
San Francisco. Cal.

Jacob F. L. Schirmer Esq. Jan'y 3d 1874.
Assayer U. S. Mint
Denver. Colorado.

Sir:

I have this day mailed to your address

ten copies of Mint Circular No. 6. 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

A. Wolters, Esq.
Assayer U.S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

C. J. Cowles, Esq.
Assayer U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N.C.

Collector of Customs
Charleston, S.C.

Jany 3^{d} 1874.

Sir:

I have this day mailed to your address twenty-five copies of Mint Circular, No 6. 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

F. D. Hetrich, Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Collector of Customs
Savannah,
Ga.

Collector of Customs
Cleveland, Ohio.

Collector of Customs
Buffalo, N.Y.

Collector of Customs
Portland, Me.

Collector of Customs
New York, N.Y.

Jany 3^{d} 1874.

Sir:

I have this day mailed to your address two hundred & fifty copies of Mint Circular No. 6. 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Phila. Pa.

Janʸ 3ʳᵈ 1874.

Sir:

I have this day mailed to your address fifty copies of Mint Circular No. 6. 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
O. H. La Grange Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco. Cal.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco. Cal.

Janʸ 3ʳᵈ 1874.

Sir:

I have this day shipped to you by Express, as per enclosed receipt, one box containing a set of standard metric weights from ten grammes to one milligramme, for the use of your institution.

You will please inform this office upon receipt of the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

The weights are not intended to supercede the Troy weights ordinarily employed in the transactions of the Mint. L.

Similar letter addressed to
Frank D. Hetrich. Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City. Nev.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq. January 3rd 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter dated the 18th ult. from Mr. Doane, the Coiner of your institution enclosing a package marked "Bullion found in the possession of H. B. Slocum", which as he alleges was left in his possession by C. N. Noteware, Esq. late Coiner. These grains I duly forwarded to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, and have this day received from the Superintendent $1.50 the proceeds of said grains, - and which amount I have deposited with the Treasurer of the United States, "on account of grains from the Carson Mint".

I enclose herewith a duplicate Certificate of Deposit #10085. of the same, for file in your office; also a triplicate, which you will please deliver to Mr. Doane.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson January 3rd 1873.
Secretary U. S. Treasury.

Sir:

I enclose herewith Certificate of Deposit #10085. for the sum of one dollar 50/100, in silver coin this day deposited by me with the Treasurer of the United States. on account of grains from the Carson Mint.

I am, Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock January 3d. 1873.
Superintendent &c.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2d. instant, enclosing one dollar^{50} in Silver coin the same being the proceeds of grains from the U. S. Mint at Carson City Nev. found in possession of H. B. Slocum Esq.– together with a memorandum of Assay and value by the Assayer at your institution.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock Jany 3d. 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Sir,

With a view to ascertain how much or how little we are to fear from the arts of counterfeiters, I have to request that Mr. Barber the Engraver, make a pair of "drop dies" as they are termed, say for the Quarter Dollar.

You will enjoin upon the Engraver the observance of all proper precaution in the preparation and care of the dies and impressions taken therefrom. I have written to Paris for a small ingot of the new imitation Silver alloy for the use of your Assayer.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock Jan'y 3rd 1874.

Supt. Mint Philadelphia.

Sir.

I transmit herewith copy of letter from John J. Croxton U. S. Minister at Lapaz, Bolivia dated Nov. 8th last, and the three coins therein referred to. I have to request that you will cause the latter to be assayed and their value in the money of account of the United States stated; making your statements as to value upon the assumption that 15½ ounces of silver equal one of gold. I will thank you to give this your early attention.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. N. Trotter & Co. Jan'y 3rd 1874.

#36 N. Front St.
Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada, is for your information.

I will thank you to ship the 10 tons of "N M & Co" copper as the letter directs, forwarding bills for same (accompanied by duplicate bills of lading) to this office for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq. Jan'y 3d. 1874.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Carson City, Nev.
Sir.

The following regulations now and heretofore inforce at the Mint at Philadelphia and Assay Office, New York since May 1. 1873 are hereby extended to your Institution and will be observed on and after the receipt hereof.

Referring in this connection to your letter of the 26th ult., and that of the Melter and Refiner enclosed therein, I have to observe that a deduction of one ounce (1 oz) in a thousand (1000) ounces as proposed by the Melter and Refiner appears to be larger than necessary but if the regulations now authorized will not in your opinion properly protect the Government against loss, I will thank you to re-submit the case with a full report upon the subject and the recommendation of specific deductions on grades of metal or fineness.

The regulations now prescribed supercede those of the Secretary of the Treasury of July 25th, 1872.

1.

In receiving bullion, fractions of one hundredth of an ounce (.01 oz.) for gold, and of the five hundredth (.05 oz.) for silver, shall be disregarded and inure to the benefit of the Melter and Refiner's accounts.

2.

Base silver bullion other than the above, the alloy consisting chiefly of copper, with one or more of the following substances, viz: lead, antimony, bismuth, tin, arsenic and sulphur, shall at the discretion of the Superintendent be subject to the following deductions on the gross weight of the deposit;

When from 600 to 750 m fineness —— 1/4 per cent.
When from 750 to 900 m fineness —— 1 per cent.

3.

On all bullion other than that embraced under the preceding 2nd Regulation the following deductions from the gross weight may be made by the Superintendent, as compensation for impurities or unavoidable loss in fitting bullion for deposit.

For Gold, .0001 of its weight, i.e. one oz. in 10.000.
For Silver, .0005 of its weight, i.e. one oz. in 2.000.

The said deductions shall inure to the benefit of the Melter and Refiner's Accounts.

4.

The Melter and Refiner shall supervise and direct the mode of melting deposits in the Deposit Melting room, and the weight after melting shall be the weight with which the depositor shall be credited. He shall likewise be empowered to call upon the Assayer before and during the operations of melting, to make any examination necessary to determine the gold and silver, and the character and approximate quantities of foreign substances associated with them.

5.

The Superintendent shall estimate quarterly the amount of deductions made under regulations 2 and 3, and transmit a statement thereof to the Director of the

Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Wm H. Richardson   Jan'y 3rd/1874.
Secretary the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York, stating that the rooms in that building lately occupied by Howes & Macy, bankers, will probably be surrendered to the government from and after the 1st instant.

The rooms referred to are required for the use of the assay office, the business of which has become very large and is almost daily increasing.

I therefore recommend that they be turned over to the Assay Office for permanent occupation.

I have also to recommend that you will cause these rooms to be properly fitted up and a substantial bullion vault constructed therein; and that the work be commenced at the earliest convenience of the Department.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

E. H. Packer, Esq. January 3rd. 1874
Room 29 - No. 111 Broadway
New York City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, and to inform you that the same, together with the accompanying papers, have been referred to the Superintendent of the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

P.S. The appointments are made by the officers of each Mint. L.

Hon. James Pollock Jan'y 3rd. 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The following bills for mileage have been received at this office, and charged against the Appropriation for "Contingent Expenses" of your institution, viz:

Chas. T. Conant	$46.40
R. E. Preston	46.40
H. C. Johannes	46.40

You will please cause the proper entry to be made on your books.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Jany 3rd 1874.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, enclosing Report of Official Postage stamps used & on hand for the month of December, 1873, and to inform you that the same has been referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. M. Eckfeldt, Esq.
Supt. Construction.
San Francisco.

Jany 3rd 1874.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt this day per Express of one package containing drawings of the Separating Department of the new Mint building at San Francisco, Cal.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

T. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York, N.Y.

Jany 3rd 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Triplicate C/D No. 2371 for $\$2.624.^{45}$ on account of sales of Blue vitriol.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq. Jan'y 3rd. 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the Official Bond of Geo. H. Davis, Jr. as Clerk in your institution, has been approved by the Director of the Mint and the Secretary of the Treasury and transmitted to the 1st. Comptroller, for file in that Office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. R. W. Tayler, Jan'y 3rd. 1874.

1st. Comptroller.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for file in your Office, the Official Bond of Geo. H. Davis, Jr. as Clerk in the Mint of the United States, Carson City, Nevada.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. Jan'y 3rd. 1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York. N.Y.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the account current of your Bullion Fund, and to inform you that the same has been referred to the Treasurer of the United States.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Calvin J. Cowles Esq. January 3rd 1874.
Assayer in charge &c.
Charlotte. N.C.

Sir:

I have sent to your address by this days mail a package containing Blank forms of receipts for deposits of Gold Bullion in your institution, which will be used by you in place of those heretofore in use. You will please acknowledge their receipt.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

O. H. La Grange January 3rd 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco. Cal.

Proposed reduction of wages approved. Letter by mail.

H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Telegram.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq. Jan. 4th 1874
Supt. Mint. Carson, Nevada.

Have applied for necessary authority will be acted on tomorrow ~ when will Senator be here.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

James Pollock. Jan. 5th 1874.
Supt. Mint. Philadelphia.

Write me what divisions of grain weights Prof. Booth spoke of as desirable for use Annual Assay.

H. R. Linderman. Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. January 5th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York, N. Y.
Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt this day per Express of the Bullion a/c of your institution for the quarter ending September, 30th 1873, and to inform you that the same has been referred to the 1st Auditor.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Frank D. Hetrich, Esq
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Hon. James Pollock Jany 5th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.
Sir:

In a list of the employés of your mint furnished by Mr. Hickok during your absence in San Francisco, Mr. Wm. M. Runkle, whose name had previously been on the rolls as Superintendent of Deposit melting, was set down as Weigher.

I suppose this was due to some inadvertence on the part of the clerk making up the list. Mr. Runkle must therefore be regarded as Superintendent of Deposit Melting and so be placed on the pay rolls for last month.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange Esq. January 5th 1874.
Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco. Cal.

Sir:

The following regulations now and heretofore in force at the Mint at Philadelphia and Assay Office, New York, since May 1st 1873, are hereby extended to your Institution and will be observed on and after the receipt hereof.

The regulations now prescribed supercede those of the Secretary of the Treasury of July 25th 1872.

1st.

In receiving bullion, fractions of one hundredth of an ounce (.01oz) for gold and of the five hundredth (.05oz) for silver shall be disregarded and inure to the benefit of the Melter and Refiner's accounts.

2nd.

Base silver bullion other than the above the alloy consisting chiefly of copper, with one or more of the following substances, viz: lead, antimony, bismuth, tin, arsenic and sulphur, shall at the discretion of the Superintendent be subject to the following deductions on the gross weight of the deposit:

When from 600 to 750 ~~000~~ fineness —— 1/4 percent
When from 750 to 900 ~~000~~ fineness —— 1 percent.

3d.

On all bullion other than that employed under the preceding 2d regulation, the following deductions from the gross weight may be made by the Superintendent, as compensation for impurities or unavoidable loss in fitting bullion for deposit.

For Gold, .0001 of its weight, i.e. one oz. in 10,000.

For Silver, .0005 of its weight, i.e. one oz. in 2.000.

The said deductions shall inure to the benefit of the Melter and Refiner's accounts.

4th

The Melter and Refiner shall supervise and direct the mode of melting deposits in the deposit melting-room, and the weight after melting shall be the weight with which the depositor shall be credited. He shall likewise be empowered to call upon the Assayer before and during the operations of melting to make any examinations necessary to determine the gold and silver, and the character and approximate quantities of foreign substances associated with them.

5th

The Superintendent shall estimate quarterly the amount of deductions made under regulations 2 and 3, and transmit a statement thereof to the Director of the Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. William A. Richardson — Jany 5th 1874.
Secretary the Treasury.

Sir:

It would be of much advantage to this Office if we were furnished with a Quarterly Statement of the Exports, Imports and Re-exports of Gold and Silver bullion and coin, (also mixed bullion) by the Bureau of Statistics, and I therefore respectfully request that you will cause such statement to be regularly sent to this office.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

Geo. B. Hanna, Esq. Jan'y. 5th 1874.
Melter, U.S. Assay Office
Charlotte. N.C.

Sir:

Your Commission as Melter at the Assay Office of the United States. Charlotte. N.C. has been received at this Office.

As this will require you to give a new Bond, I have to request that you execute one in the sum of five thousand dollars ($5.000) and forward the same, without delay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. T. Babcox, Esq. Jan'y 5th 1873.
Coiner. U.S. Mint.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your commission as Coiner at the Mint of the United States. San Francisco, Cal. has been received.

As this will require you to give a new Bond, I have to request that you will have the same executed in the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10.000), and forwarded to this Office without delay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

W. H. Doane, Esq. Jan'y 5th 1874.
Coiner, U.S. Mint
Carson City. Nev.

Sir:

Your Commission as Coiner at the Mint

of the United States, Carson City, Nevada, has been received at this office.

As this will necessitate the execution of a new Bond, you will please prepare one in the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000), and forward the same without delay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Wirt Hopkins, Esq.
Jany 5th 1874.

Assayer, U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your Commission as Assayer at the Mint of the United States, Carson City, Nevada, has been received.

As this will require you to give a new Bond, I have to request that you will have one executed in the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000) and will forward the same to this office without delay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.
January 5th 1874.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte. N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt this day of C/o nos. 2848 and 2849 for the sum of $882.43 and $20.00 respectively, on account of unexpended balances of appropriations 1872-73, for Contingent expenses and Wages of Workmen.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq. January 5th/1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your Commission as Superintendent of the Mint of the United States, Carson City, Nevada, has been received.

As this will require you to give a new Bond, I have to request that you will have one executed for the sum of fifty-thousand dollars ($50.000), and will forward the same to this office without delay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

G. W. Bryant, Esq. January 5th/1874.
Melter and Refiner, U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

Your Commission as Melter and Refiner of the Mint of the United States, Carson City, Nevada, has been received at this office.

As this will require you to give a new Bond, I have to request that you will prepare one in the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000), and will forward the same as soon as practicable.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. M. Eckfeldt, Esq. Jany 5th/1874.
Melter and Refiner, U. S. Mint.
San Francisco. Cal.

Sir: Your Commission as Melter and Refiner at the Mint of the United States, San Francisco, Cal. has been received.

As this will require you to give a new Bond, I have to request that you will have one executed in the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) and forward the same to this Office, as soon as practicable.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U.S.
Philada. Pa.

Jany 5th 1874.

Sir:

During the recent examination of the Mint and Assay Office some differences between the Assays of the two Institutions, both as to Gold and Silver were noticed. I will thank you to submit a statement showing the weight, fineness and deductions of such deposits as exhibited a difference (itemizing each) for the Month of December last.

The statement will show the weight and fineness of deposits sent to the Mint as recorded at the Assay Office, and the same as recorded at the Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U.S. Assay Office.
New York.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson January 5th/1874.
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir:

Between two and three hundred thousand dollars of the U. S. Bullion Fund, at the San Francisco Mint has recently been coined into half and quarter dollars and dimes, and that section of the country being fully supplied with subsidiary coin I respectfully recommend that the sum of $300,000 in such coin be transferred to the Philadelphia Mint, and that the agency of Wells Fargo & Co's express be employed for that purpose, provided it will take subsidiary silver coin in payment therefor. The offer of the express company is one and a half (1½) per cent, which on $300,000. will amount to $4,500.

The law providing that the expense of distributing the subsidiary silver coin shall be paid out of the profits thereon, the expense of transporting the coin in question may be paid by the Mint at San Francisco, and charged to the "Silver Profit Fund".

The renting of a car for the transfer of $300,000. silver coin from San Francisco to New York will cost $2,800 currency, and the mileage of four persons to accompany it $2,500., in all $5,300. The advantage will, therefore, be in favor of the employment of the express company, to say nothing of possible delay and risk en route, and consequent additional expense.

If you should decide in favor of making the transfer as herein recommended, I suggest that it be made in sums of $100,000 at a time; and that the Superintendent be authorized to make deliveries to the Express company accordingly.

The coinage of silver at the Philadelphia Mint, although amounting to about $500,000 per month, is insufficient to meet the demand, and renders the transfer from San Francisco necessary.

I enclose copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the San Francisco mint on the subject.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. J. H. Mitchell. U.S.S.
Washington. D.C.
January 5th 1874.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th ultimo, to the Secretary of the Treasury, in reference to the establishment of an Assay Office at Portland, Oregon, for Assaying gold and silver, having been referred to this office I have the honor to state that the present production of bullion from the mines of the north Pacific coast appears to be sufficient to justify the Government in providing assay facilities at the most convenient point for the accommodation of the same.

The city of Portland being the commercial centre of that section of the country, and the custom-house in that city affording the necessary room for assay operations is the place where the proposed office should be located.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson January 5th 1874.
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir:

Inviting attention to the enclosed despatch from the Superintendent of the Carson Mint, I respectfully request that I be authorized to direct the purchase by that mint of one hundred thousand ounces of fine silver at lowest market rate, and not exceeding one dollar and twelve cents per standard ounce, payable out of the gold bullion fund of that mint. If this authorization be made, I request that the gold bullion fund of the Carson Mint be increased one hundred thousand dollars, and that a corresponding sum in subsidiary coin be transferred east from that mint.

The demand for silver coin at Philadelphia and New York is in excess of the capacity of the Philadelphia Mint to meet it without working extra hours, which the state of the appropriations will not allow.

We should, therefore, have the San Francisco and Carson Mint coin subsidiary silver when not engaged on gold and trade dollars coinage, and transfer the same from time to time east.

In this way we can meet all demands upon us without increasing the working force or expenses of the mints.

If purchased at $1,12 per standard ounce and coined into subsidiary silver coin, the seigniorage will be 12½ cents nearly per ounce.

I beg to add that for the proper accommodation of the public we should keep constantly on hand at Philadelphia and New York $500,000. subsidiary silver coin, and that for the economical manufacture of this coin we should have a larger bullion fund than at present. — An addition of $500,000. in all, including the $100,000. herein asked for, would in my opinion be sufficient.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury

January 5th/874.

Sir:

In my letter of this date in reference to coinages of silver, I should have stated that the principal source of our bullion supply during the winter months is from the mines on the Comstock Lode, Nevada, and which is about 60% gold and 40% silver.

In order to insure the coinage of this gold in the United States, it is necessary to encourage the parting or separating of the two metals at our mints, and to do that we should coin the silver to the extent of the demand therefor.

The production of this mixed bullion during the next six months will probably reach $3,000,000. per month.

The coinage of silver, including trade dollars, last month, was in round numbers about $800,000.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles Esq. January 5th 1874.
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of January, 1874, has been approved for the sum of $300 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1874	$225.
Wages of Workmen	1874.	30.
Contingent Expenses	1874.	45.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. Jany 5th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of January, 1874, has been approved for the sum of $9,389.00, from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries.	1874	$1.744.—
Wages of Workmen	1874	7.645.—

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. J. E. Hilgard Jany 5th 1874.
U. S. Coast Survey.

Sir:

I have the pleasure of informing you that the three sets of metric weights, made some time since under your supervision, for the use of the Coinage Mints, were found on careful comparison with the standard Troy weights of the Philada. Mint to correspond accurately therewith.

This comparison having been made as required by law, the weights have been turned over to the Mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco and Carson for their respective use.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

George Soulé, Esq.
Soulé's Commercial College
New Orleans, La.

January 6th. 1874.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 30th. ultimo, I enclose herewith, a copy of Mint Circular No. 6. showing the value of foreign coins in the money of account of the United States.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Babcock & Robinson
Bankers & Brokers. Albany, N.Y.

George S. Brecount, Esq.
Agent, Erie and Pacific Despatch, Louisville, Ky.

Walter C. Carr, Esq.
Auditor's Office,
St. Louis. Mo.

A. L. Guesman, Esq.
Lock Box. 706.
Providence. R.I.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

January 6th 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the the receipt of your letter of yesterday, in relation to the demands upon you for subsidiary coin.

Noticing by your recent statements that the present rate of silver coinage at the Philadelphia Mint would not be sufficient to meet the demands upon you, I made yesterday a request of the Secretary of the Treasury to have $300,000. in small silver coins transferred from the bullion fund of the Mints at San Francisco and Carson to your office. Your letter was therefore very opportune.

Orders for the shipment of this coin by express will be transmitted to San Francisco today, and a portion of it may be expected to arrive in about ten or fifteen days.

This amount, with the coinage at Philadelphia, will be sufficient to meet the present demand.

We are desirous of affording the fullest accommodation to the public, and I will thank you to keep me advised of the probable demand in order that the operations of the coining mints may be directed accordingly.

While you can state to the depositors your expectations as to supplies of coin it will not be prudent to give any publicity whatever of the transfer from the West, as it might endanger the safety of the coin in transit.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Sayles & Walker — January 6th 1874.

149 La Salle street
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Senator Boutwell's request, I give the following estimate of the amount of gold and silver coin in the United States Jany 1st 1874:

Coin in the Treasury (Sept. 30th '73)	80,246,757.54
Coin in National Banks, exclusive of Cfs –	6,345,859.45
Total in Banks and Treasury	$86,592,616.99
Add amount in Pacific states, Texas and the Territories	20,000,000.–
Total – Sept. 30th	$106,592,616.99
Add bullion and foreign coins since imported – say –	13,000,000 –
Coinage from native gold	10,000,000
Total Gold	$129,592,616.99
Add silver in circulation in Pacific States and Texas	5,000,000.00
Total in Treasury, Banks and Circulation	$134,592,616.99

As to the amount hoarded no reliable estimate can be made. Ten millions would probably be a full estimate.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — January 6th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir,

Your letter of the 5th inst. in relation to striking bronze copies of the Robinson medal has been received, and your proposal to strike a sufficient number from time to time to fill orders that may be received, at $2,50 each, is approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia. Pa.

January 6th 1874.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt this day of the Ordinary Expenses a/c of your institution for the month of December, 1873, and to inform you that the same has been referred to the 1st Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Jany 6th 1874

Sir:

The demand for small silver coin at New York is increasing, and I would thank you to inform me of the probable silver coinage during the present month.

I hope it will not fall behind last months' outturn.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Horace Maynard } January 6th 1874.

Dear Sir:

According to promise I send you herewith the data on which I base my estimates of the amount of Coin in this Country.

Very respectfully & Truly Yrs
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Estimate of amount of Gold and Silver Coin in the United States, Jan. 1st 1874.

Sept. 30th/73	Coin in the Treasury	$ 80,246,757.54
	Coin in National Banks, exclusive of certificates, say	6,345,859.45
	Total of Banks and Treasury	$ 86,592,616.99
	Add am't in Pacific States and Territories and Texas	20,000,000.—
	Total - Sept. 30th	100,592,616.99
	Add bullion and foreign coin since imported, say	13,000,000.—
	and Coinage from Native Gold	10,000,000.—
	Total Gold	129,592,616.99
	Add Silver in circulation in Pacific States & Texas	5,000,000.—
	Total in Treasury, Banks, and Circulation	$ 134,592,616.99

As to the amount hoarded no reliable estimate can be made. Ten millions would probably be a full estimate.

Hon. James Pollock, January 6th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt this day of the medal fund a/c of your institution for the quarter ending December, 31st 1873, and to inform you that the same has been transmitted to the 1st Auditor Tr Treasury.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock January 6th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Some two or three weeks since there was forwarded from Mr. A. G. Mills of the Supervising Architects' Office, some silver ores for assay.

I will thank you to have it assayed and the result reported as early as may be convenient.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell, U.S.S. Jany 6th 1874.
Washington D.C.

My dear Sir:

I have replied to the letter of Messrs. Sayles & Walker, requesting an estimate of the amount of gold and silver coin in the United States, and enclose for your information a copy of my estimate.

Very truly yours
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

January 7th/1874.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday, in relation to making dies by the drop process, I have to state that it will hardly be prudent to follow the course suggested by Mr. Barber, the Engraver, as it would tend to lead the inventors to attach undue importance to the value of their patent.

You will therefore please consider my instructions of the 3rd instant on this subject as inoperative.

On the occasion of my next visit to the Mint we will further discuss the matter.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Wm. A. Darling Esq.
Appraiser, N.Y. Custom House
New York City.

Jany 7th/1874.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 5th instant, I have mailed to your address fifty (50) copies of Mint Circular No. 5.

The copies of Circular No. 6 were not sent, for the reason that on the 3d inst. two hundred and fifty (250) copies thereof were mailed to the Collector of Customs at New York, which, it is presumed he had not received at the date of your letter.

In case you should desire the fifty copies mentioned, please inform me and they will be sent.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

P. F. Herwig, Esq.
Sp. Dep'ty Collector,
New Orleans, La.

Jan'y 7th 1874.

Sir:

In reply to your telegram of yesterday, I have to inform you that one hundred copies of Mint Circular No. 6. showing the value of foreign coins, were mailed to the Collector on the 3d inst.

Should you desire additional copies, please inform this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq
U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Jan'y 7th 1874

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 27th ultimo, I have this day ordered from Henry Troemner, Esq, Phila. Pa, for the use of your institution, a series of standard weights from 25 pounds Troy to $\frac{1}{100}$ of a grain.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

F. D. Hetrich,
Supt. Mint Carson, Nevada.

Dec. 7th 1874.

Secretary decides that will not increase Silver Bullion Fund at present. Letter by mail.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Thomas Russell, Esq. January 7th 1874.
Collector of Customs
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 3rd inst. in relation to inaccuracies in tables for the conversion of sterling money of Great Britain, I have to state that Department's circular #146 (a supply of which has been sent you) supercedes the circular referred to, and gives the correct values of foreign monies of account.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon. Jany 7th 1874.
1st Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for settlement the Bullion accounts of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada, and U. S. Assay Office, New York, for the 3rd quarter, 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Geo. M. Robeson, January 7th 1873.
Secretary of the Navy.

My dear Sir.

In compliance with your request I enclose herewith an 1873 Assay Medal, in silver; the price of which is seventy-five cents in currency.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Dr. J. R. Burden Jr. Jan'y 7th 1874.

Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 5th inst. relative to the re-instatement of Mrs. Smith in the Mint at Philadelphia, I have to say that the appointments are made in that Institution by the Superintendent, upon the recommendation of the operative officers.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

I regret that it is not in my power to serve you in this matter. H. R. L.

A. S. Feather Esq, Jan'y 7th, 1874.

813 Market St.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

In reply to yours of the 7th inst. I have to say that all appointments are made by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, upon the recommendation of the operative officers.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

I regret that it is not in my power to serve you. H. R. L.

Telegram.

O. H. La Grange Jan'y 7th 1874.

Supt. Mint. San Francisco.

Continue coinage of subsidiary silver as may be convenient until amount reaches Three Hundred Thousand Dollars. - Letter by Mail.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

A. J. Barton, Esq. January 7th, 1874.

611 Chesnut St.

Philadelphia.

My Dear Sir:

In reply to yours of the 6th inst. I have to say that all appointments are made by the Superintendent at the Philadelphia Mint, upon the recommendation of the operative officers.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

I regret that it is not in my power to serve you. H. R. L.

J. F. L. Schirmer Jany 7th 1874.

Assayer in Charge

Mint U. S. Denver. Col.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish this office with a statement of Gold and Silver of domestic production deposited at your Institution from July to October 1873 inclusive, according to the forms transmitted you some time since.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Thomas C. Acton Esq. Jany 7th, 1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office. New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst. and accompanying statement of British Gold deposited from October 6th to December 31st, 1873, for which please accept my thanks. It is a very interesting table.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

Henry Troemner, Esq. January 7th 1874.

710 Market Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to request that you will manufacture for the use of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, a series of standard weights, consisting of a one pound Troy weight and the requisite subdivisions, and multiples thereof from the 100 of a grain to 25 pounds.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

The above weights must be tested at the Mint and their accuracy certified before shipment. L.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. Jany 7th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt by express of a copy of "Seyd on Bullion and Foreign Exchange" for the use of Mr. Conant.

If you will send a bill for the two copies, Mr. Conant's and mine, I will have the same paid from some available appropriation of the Dept.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock Jany 7th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, in relation to the sets of grain and gramme weights, and to inform you that the Secretary of the Treasury has been requested to procure the same through the Bureau of Weights and measures, to be finished by the date of the annual assay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.
January 7th 1874.

Sir:

I have to state that there is required for the use of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia a set of grain weights, from the one thousandth of a grain up to one grain, the set being 1. + .5 .3 .2 .1 + .05 .03 .02 .01 + .005 .003 .002 .001 : also a set of gramme weights from one gramme up to the Kilogramme.

I have the honor to request that the necessary requisition be made upon the Bureau of Weights and Measures, and that if possible, the weights be completed and shipped in time for the annual assay, the second Wednesday in February.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

(Confidential). Thomas C. Acton. Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.
Jan'y 7th 1873.

Dear Sir:

Referring to my letter of yesterday, in reference to the transfer of subsidiary silver coin from the West, I have now to state that on further consideration it was decided to send the orders for transfer by mail and not by telegraph.

The coin will therefore be from eight to ten days later in reaching you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

January 7th 1874.

Sir:

I have to request that you will explain the omission from the pay-rolls of your institution, of the following named employés as shown by the Register of this Office, viz:

Joseph Butler,	Cabinet,	$4 per diem.
J. Grover,	Roller,	$3 " " .
Mrs. O. Lawrence,	Adjuster,	$1.75 " "
Miss Amanda Pell,	"	$1.75 " " .

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

January 8th 1874

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst. and accompanying 1873 Assay medal in silver, the price of which, seventy-five cents currency, find enclosed herewith.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Superintendent &c. New York.

January 8th/1874

Sir:

I send you by todays mail twenty-five copies of a report and proclamation relative to the legalization by the chinese authorities at Canton, of the new American trade-dollar, and of its acceptance in payment of duties, and for general use at its intrinsic value in pure silver.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent &c.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Frank D. Hetrich, Esq.
Superintendent &c
Carson City. Nev.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Superintendent &c.
San Francisco. Cal.
(10 copies)

U. S. Assistant Treasurer
Boston. Mass.

January 9th. 1874.

Sir:

I send you by todays mail 25 copies of circular No. 6 from this Bureau, exhibiting the values of foreign coins in U. S. money of account.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

George Eyster, Esq.
U. S. Asst. Treasurer Philada. Pa.

U. S. Asst. Treasurer
Baltimore. Md.

Assist. Treasurer U. S.
New Orleans. La.

U. S. Assist. Treasurer
San Francisco, Cal.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. January 9th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury on the suggestion of this office, requested the Treasurer of the U. S. under date of the 7th inst. to cause proper transfer orders to issue in sums of $100,000. each for the transfer from the bullion fund of your mint to that of the Assistant Treasurer at New York of $300,000 in subsidiary silver coin.

The Secretary in a letter of the same date directed you to forward the coin by Wells Fargo's express, and to pay the expenses of transportation at the rate of 1/2 per cent in subsidiary silver coin, upon proper vouchers and satisfactory evidence of the delivery of the coin at the sub-Treasury at New York.

I have to request that no publicity whatever be given respecting the transfer of this coin, and that you will take all necessary precautionary measures in packing and delivering the same to the express company.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

T. B. Seaman, Esq. Jany 9th 1874.
33 Duffield St.
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 8th instant, I enclose herewith three copies of Circular No. 5 from this Bureau, relative to the par of exchange between Great Britain and the United States. Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

Hon. James Pollock January 9th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter dated January 8th and enclosed order to the Assayer in relation to the duties of the curator and his assistants, has been received, as has the catalogue of coins and specimens by express.

The order as to the duties of the employés having the custody of the cabinet has my approval.

I deem it highly necessary that it should be properly enforced.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange Esq. Jany 9th 1874
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo.

The subject of refining and toughening charges is now under consideration, and will be decided upon a liberal interpretation of the law to afford every facility to depositors. The subject will be disposed of as early as is practicable, some days, however, will be required for its careful examination.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jacob. F. L. Schirmer Esq. January 9th 1874.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint.
Denver. Colorado.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Ordinary Expense a/c of your institution for the month of December, 1873, and to inform you that the same has been referred to the 1st Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange Esq Jan'y 9th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of January, 1874 has been approved for the sum of $37,166.70/ from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries — —	1874 — —	$ 2,166.70
Wages of Workmen	1874 — — —	25,000.00
Contingent Expenses	1874 — — —	10,000.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Thomas C. Acton Jan'y 9th 1874

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Yes!

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. January 9th. 1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday I have to state that the Asst. Treasurer may pay your silver checks out of the fund in his hands to the extent convenient for him to do so. This may be done without any special instructions. It will only be necessary for you to see that it is done in a manner not to alter or complicate the gold and silver bullion funds as they respectively stand upon the books of your office.

I have now under consideration a plan which I hope will enable us to meet in a short time all demands for silver coin.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Jacob F. L. Schirmer, Esq. Jan'y 9th. 1874.

Assayer, U. S. Mint

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of January, 1874, has been approved for the sum of $2,397.60, from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries - - -	1874 - -	$880.60
Wages of Workmen -	1874 - -	1,317.00
Contingent Expenses -	1874 - -	200.00

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

January 9th 1874.

Sir:

The Report of Official postage stamps used at your institution during the month of December, 1873, has been received, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Jany 9th 1874.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th inst. explaining the absence from the payrolls of certain employés of your mint, has been received and is satisfactory. In the future you will please explain all such absences in the letter transmitting the accounts.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

O. H. LaGrange
Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Jan. 9th 1874.

If express company will take payment in subsidiary coin on delivery at New York, will accept proposition. Will lead to large business as we can I think purchase silver at Frisco & Carson issue certificates payable in kind at New York transferring coin there for that purpose. This would place your people on equality with East as to paying silver coins for silver purchased for such coinage and enable demand for same to be promptly met, Proposition must embrace both Frisco and Carson.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. January 9th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

I enclose for your information and guidance a copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, in reference to the transfer of silver coin from San Francisco to the bullion fund of your office.

On the receipt of this coin you will enter it in your bullion account and report the same to this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas Hillhouse, Esq. Jany 9th 1874
Assist. Treasurer U. S.
New York.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th inst. making requisition for Circular No 6. from this Bureau.

In reply I have to inform you that I have sent you by this days mail twenty-five copies of the same.

I am Sir very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Geo. W. Edelman, Esq.
#86 Green Avenue
New York.

January 9th 1874.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th inst. and enclose herewith a copy of Circular No. 6. from this Bureau giving the values of foreign coins in United States moneys of account.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

C. Ford Stevens, Esq.
President Denver & Rio Grande Ry. Co.
#125 South 5th St. Philada.

Jany 10th 1874.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 9th instant, I enclose herewith a copy of Circular No. 6. from this Bureau, giving the values of foreign coins in United States money of account.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
J. Smith Homans, Esq.
Publisher - Bankers Magazine
#251 Broadway N.Y.

A. Wolters, Esq.
Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Boise City - Idaho.

January 10th 1874.

Sir:

I return herewith your Bullion Accounts current for the 3rd quarter, and have to request that you will render them without delay in accordance with the enclosed forms, which have been adopted for your office.

You will also transmit the receipt of deposit No 75. in favor of H. P. James, which does not accompany the pay warrant.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office. New York
January 10th 1874.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday, in relation to the British standard bars.

You are right in saying that the bars can only be paid out to depositors of bullion, and not in exchange for gold coin by the Assay Office. I also concur as to the disadvantages of removing them, on account of abrasion, &c.

The question whether such bars can be paid by the Assistant Treasurer in exchange for coin certificates, under Act of March 3, 1863, chap. 73. is now under consideration, and no action will be taken as to their disposition until a conclusion on that point is arrived at.

I enclose for your information a copy of a bill pending in the House of Representatives, which, if passed will cover the case, and on which we hope for early and favorable action.

Referring to my informal letter of yesterday, respecting the proposed coinage of subsidiary silver at San Francisco and Carson, I have to state that the law confines the payment of such coin to the Philada. Mint and your Assay Office: they could not under the law be paid by the Asst. Treasurer for silver bullion purchased for such coinage.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman ~ Director.

Frank D. Hetrich, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City. Nev.

January 10th 1874.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of January, 1874, has been approved for the sum of $17,000.00, from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries.	1874.	$1,500.00
Wages of Workmen	1874.	7,000.00
Contingent Expenses	1874.	8,500.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

George B. Hanna, Esq.
Melter. U. S. Assay Office.
Charlotte, N.C.

January 12th 1874.

Sir:

I have to inform you in reply to your letter of the 10th inst. that there is no objection to your present bondsmen going on the new bond.

Under the old bond they will be held responsible for any act of yours that may have occurred between its date of approval and the date of approval of your new bond.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.

January 12th 1874.

Sir:

I enclose herewith printed table of charges on Bullion at Philadelphia Mint and Assay Office New York, which you will please return with your reply to this communication.

A modification of the charges now in force at your mint for deposit melting, separating and manufacture of Trade Dollars, will be regarded as not now under consideration, except the deposits for trade dollars should be subject to charge for deposit melting.

Where mixed bullion is deposited it will be subject to but a single charge for deposit melting.

You will please examine carefully the charges embraced under the heads of nos. 3, 5, 6 & 7, and submit as early as convenient an estimate of charges to be imposed on similar grades of bullion at your mint, based on the expense of materials, labor, wastage and use of machinery.

It is desirable that the subject of charges on bullion, and divisions thereof, i.e. according to grades of bullion, should be uniform at all the mints; also, allowances in weighing deposits, and deductions in favor of the Melter and Refiner in certain case - (see letter of the 3rd inst.)

The cost of materials, coal, crucibles and chemicals, being greater at your institution than at New York and Philadelphia, will render a somewhat higher rate of charge necessary in order to comply with the law.

I will thank you to give this subject your immediate attention, and send me without delay a Tables of charges for approval and incorporations in the regulations about to be printed.

I invite your attention to item 4 division 4 of the Table, and request to be informed whether a similar charge should not be imposed at your mint for separating gold and silver containing

100 oz base metal.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock. January 12th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.
Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 8th inst. in reference to the sum of $50,000 currency transferred to you to create a "Minor coinage metal fund", you are respectfully informed that this sum stands upon the same footing as the "Bullion Fund" and is to be kept intact, not by a transfer from the profits on the minor coinage, but by refunding the actual cost of the metals purchased. The 29th section of the coinage Act 1873 does not make an appropriation but simply authorizes a transfer of funds to facilitate the payment for metals purchased for the minor coinage, just the same as the "bullion fund" is to facilitate the payment of Gold and silver deposits.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.

Frank S. Witherbee, Esq. Jan'y 12th 1874.
P.O. Box 377. New Haven Conn.
Sir.

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of the 7th inst. I enclose herewith a copy of Circular No. 6 from this Bureau, showing the values of foreign coins in United States money of account.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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O. H. La Grange Esq. January 12th/1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco Cal.

Sir:

I enclose herewith printed table of charges on Bullion at the Philadelphia Mint and Assay Office New York, which you will please return with your reply to this communication.

A modification of the charges now in force at your mint for deposit melting, separating and manufacture of Trade Dollars, will be regarded as not now under consideration, except that deposits for trade dollars should be subject to charge for deposit melting.

Where mixed bullion is deposited it will be subject to but a single charge for deposit melting.

You will please examine carefully the charges embraced under the heads of Nos. 3, 5-6 and 7, and submit as early as convenient, an estimate of charges to be imposed on similar grades of bullion at your mint, based on the expense of materials, labor, wastage and use of machinery.

It is desirable that the subject of charges on bullion and divisions thereof i.e. according to grades of bullion, should be uniform at all the Mints: also allowances in weighing deposits and deductions in favor of the Melter and Refiner in certain cases (see letter of 5th inst.) The cost of materials, coal, crucibles, and chemicals, being greater at your institution than a New York and Philadelphia, will render a somewhat higher rate of charge necessary in order to comply with the law.

I will thank you to give this subject your immediate attention, and send me without delay a table of charges for approval and incorporation in the regulations about to be printed.

I invite your attention to item 4 division 4 of the Table, and request to be informed whether a similar charge should not be imposed at your mint for separating gold and silver containing 100 m base metal.

In consequence of your limited space, base silver bullion below 600 m will not be received at your institution.

Not having a copy of the agreement with the San Francisco Assaying and Refining works before me, I am unable to determine how far it will restrict the charges for refining silver. You will confer with the manager of the company upon the subject and send me a copy of the agreement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson
January 8th 1874.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir.

In submitting the Estimates of the Deficiency Appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1872, I have the honor to state that Mr. Rossi performed the duties of Assayer at the Boise City Assay Office during the Months of April and May 1872, and received no compensation therefor.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson January 8th/1874.

Secretary U. S. Treasury

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith estimates of Deficiency Appropriations required by this office and the United States Assay Office at Boise City Idaho, for the fiscal year ending June 30th/1873.

Mr. Wolters, Assayer in Charge at the Boise City Assay office expended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1873, $816,09 - in excess of the appropriation for contingent expenses, and improperly paid the same out of the appropriation for "Wages of Workmen".

This sum was disallowed in the adjustment of his account for ordinary expenses.

The expenditures seem to have been both necessary and proper.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock January 13th/1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, and accompanying report on the charges against O. H. La Grange, Supt. of the San Francisco Mint.

I will read the paper at my leisure and will write you further in relation thereto.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

January 12th 1874.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 12th inst. enclosing sealed bids for 249 barrels of San Francisco Mint sweeps lately arrived per ship "General McClellan."

I transmit herewith a summary of the bids received, from which you will see that the best one is that of Messrs. Ed Balbach & Son who offer $9,954,50 for the lot.

You will please notify Messrs. Balback & Son that their bid is accepted, and request them to make payment and receive the sweeps. Payment of the amount is, of course, to be made in U. S. gold coin of legal weight.

If the purchasers desire to have the sweeps re-weighed, you will allow it to be done, taking the necessary precaution to see that the weighing is accurately done. If reweighed settlement will be made on the weight then ascertained.

You will pay out of the proceeds of the sweeps Messrs. Sutton & Co's bill for freight and the expenses of storage, taking the necessary receipts in duplicate, which latter with a statement of the account, will be rendered to this Office.

If Sutton & Co's bill of freight is payable in U. S. Currency, you are authorized to sell a sufficient amount of the gold coin received for that purpose, stating the same in the account.

The balance of the coin will be held subject to the Draft of the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint, who, after your statement of the account is received, will be advised of the amount and of the manner of drawing on you for it.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

January 13th 1874.

Sir:

I have to inform you that I am in receipt of a communication from the Superintendent of the Mint of the United States, San Francisco, to the effect that he has forwarded to your address, one box containing Assay Coins for the Quarter ending Dec. 31st 1873, as follows.

25	packages	Double Eagles	$5,800.00
2	"	Eagles	120.00
2	"	Half Eagles	110.00
2	"	Quarter Eagles	50.00
28	"	Trade Dollars	213.00
5	"	Half "	39.50
3	"	Quarter "	15.50
2	"	Dimes	14.80
		Total Value	$6,362.80

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

January 13th 1874.

Sir:

There appears to be some discrepancies in the bullion accounts, arising, no doubt, from the several recoinages of both gold and silver at the Mint.

I have to request that you will send Mr. Cowperthwait, your book-keeper, here for a conference with the accounting officers of the Treasury.

I suggest this plan as being more likely to insure a speedy adjustment than by correspondence. If you can spare Mr. Cowperthwaite, let him come down the last of the present week.

His necessary expenses will be paid for from the Contingent Expenses of the Mint.

It is our intention to obtain an appropriation to pay losses in any recoinages in order to avoid a complication of the Mint accounts.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

January 13th, 1874.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a communication from the Superintendent of the Mint of the United States, San Francisco, informing this office that he has forwarded to your address, special Assay Coins for the month of December, 1873, viz:

1 Double Eagles — — — —	$20.00
1 Trade Dollar — — — —	1.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Frank D. Hetrich Esq. January 13th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City. Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt this day of the Official Oaths of the following employés of your Mint, viz:

Robt. M. Huston.	Helper.
Jos. H. Burlingame.	Melter.
Jessie Cagwin.	Adjuster.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson. January 13th 1874.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Estimates for Deficiency Appropriations required by this Office, and the various Mints and Assay Offices for the current fiscal year.

The various sums estimated for on account of the different mints and assay offices will be actually required to meet existing deficiencies occasioned by the largely increased bullion and coinage operations, and to defray expenses at the present rate and which appearances indicate, cannot be diminished during the balance of the fiscal year.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Wm. H. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury
January 13th 1874.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the "Alta California" a newspaper published in San Francisco, Cal, be subscribed to for the use of this Bureau.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Wm. H. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury
January 13th 1874.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that I be furnished with a copy of the opinion of the Attorney General on the Pound Sterling Act.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Dodge & Caffey
#57 Lewis street
New York.
January 13th 1874.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the sweeps referred to in your letter of the 12th inst. have been bid for by the different smelting firms of your city, and that they will be disposed of to the highest bidder.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton Esq January 13th/1874.

Superintendent U. S. Assay Office

New York.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 12th inst. I have sent to your address by this days mail 25 copies of Circular No 6 from this Bureau, relative to the legalization of the Trade Dollar in China.

I am Sir, very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Richard and Boas Jan'y 13th/1874.

Bankers N. Y. and Hamburg.

New York.

Gentlemen:

As requested in yours of the 10th inst. I have sent to your address two copies each of Circular No. 5. and 6 from this Bureau.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Prof. R. E. Rodgers, January 14th/1874

University of Penna,

Philadelphia. Pa

Sir:

We are awaiting your final report as to the results of your experiments for absorbing the acid fumes in the proposed "Refinery" at the San Francisco Mint.

Be pleased to let us hear from you on the subject at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U.S.
Philadelphia.

January 14th 1874.

Sir:

I have submitted to the Secretary the Deficiency Estimates required for the Mints and Assay Offices, for the current fiscal year.

The statements called for in my letter of the 16th ult, being required, to explain the cause of the deficiencies, should be transmitted as soon as possible.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Thos. C. Acton Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Telegram.

O. H. La Grange
Supt. Mint. U. S. San Francisco.

Jany 14th 1874.

When may we expect Statement called for in my letter of 16th ult. Please hasten.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar telegram addressed to
J. D. Hetrich Esq.
Supt. Mint. Carson City. Nev.

Hon. James Pollock.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

January 14th 1874.

Sir:

I return herewith an account transmitted by you for the month of November, 1873, denominated "Minor Coinage Purchase Account," in which you credit the Government with the sum of $50,000-, transferred to you in accordance with the 29th section of the Coinage Act of 1873, as a Minor Coinage Metal Fund, and debit the amount you have paid for metals purchased and certain bills for advertising.

You are to treat this sum the same as the "Bullion Fund", and to pay out of it only for metals purchased. All other bills, except those for transportation, (which are payable out of the profits) to be paid out of the regular appropriation for Contingent Expenses.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

January 14th 1874.

Sir:

Being about to dispose of a lot of sweeps from the San Francisco Mint, I will be glad to receive from you a statement of the last sweeps sold by you that I may form an opinion as to the proper price to be realized. It will be necessary to state the assay value per pound and the rate per pound for which sold, as the grade of the sweeps have something to do with the purchasing price.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

George C. Thompson, Esq. January 14th 1874.
Agent Adams Exp. Co.
U. S. Mint Philadelphia.

Sir:

The monthly bills for transportation of coin and bullion between the Philadelphia Mint and New York Assay Office being payable from one of the regular appropriations made for the Philadelphia Mint, it is desirable, in-as-much as we keep an account with this appropriation, that they be rendered through this office. I have to request, therefore, that you transmit the bills at the end of each month direct to this office, from whence the necessary reference will be made to the Accounting Officers for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. W. Eckfeldt, Esq. Jany 14th 1874.
Supt. Construction of Machinery &c,
San Francisco.

Sir:

The enclosed "return" for the month of October, 1873, being in the Office of the Supervising Architect, was overlooked when those for July, August and September were returned to you for correction.

I will thank you to have the machinery itemized on this "return" as on the others, and transmit it to this office when completed.

Your "returns" for November and December not having yet come to hand it is presumed that the differences on them will be all noted before transmittal.

I have to request that in the future you make these "returns" by the 5th of each month.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — January 14th 1874.
Supt. Mint. U.S.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

Please send by return mail six copies of the pamphlet entitled "Rules and Laws regulating the Annual Assay".

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq — January 15th 1874.
Supt. U.S. Mint.
San Francisco. Cal.

Sir:

I enclose herewith certified copy of the report of Superintendent Pollock, in relation to the examination made by him in November last of certain charges preferred against you by Jos. P. Cochran, late Melter and Refiner.

In sending you this document I have to enjoin upon you that no public use is to be made of it, the matter being considered as finally disposed of.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

S. Wells Williams, Esq. January 15th 1874.
Secretary U.S. Legation &c.
Peking, China.

Sir:

I duly received your very interesting letter of the 15th of August last in relation to the money of account of China.

Assuming the relative value of silver to gold as 15½ to 1, and the weight of the tael of China as $579\frac{84}{100}$ grains troy and represented by fine silver or nearly so I make its value in U.S. money $\$1^{\underline{61}}$. Is this correct?

We find that the tael of Shanghai differs from the above, weighing only 568 grains troy and represented by silver made from melt of Mexican dollars of fineness ranging from 900 to 902, and therefore, of less value than the tael of China.

I should be very glad to have you inform me at your earliest convenience as to how many different kinds of local or commercial taels there are, the weight thereof; also, fineness or content of pure metal: In fact all the information you can give us in relation to the moneys of account or bullion in use at the ports open to foreign commerce.

I take the liberty of sending herewith for your acceptance a copy of my first annual report under the new coinage act; also circular in relation to foreign moneys of account, assay, value of coins, &c.

It is to be regretted that China has not a coinage system in harmony with commercial nations, and one would think that the consideration of the subject would at no distant day be undertaken.

I beg to add that since the 1st inst. foreign invoices at our Custom Houses are converted into the money of account of the United States upon the basis of the relative quantity of pure metal declared by law to represent the various monetary units. Hence the importance of our being fully informed upon the subject of foreign moneys of account.

Very respectfully
Your obdt servant
H. R. Linderman.

Hon. James Pollock, January 15th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 13th inst. I will state that the value of the special assay pieces received from the San Francisco and Carson Mints respectively, will be included as a separate item in your account of the value of the regular assay coins for each year, and like the proceeds of the latter be held by you subject to the drafts of those mints.

As soon after the conclusion of the annual assay as may be convenient you will render a statement of the amount in your hands to this office, whereupon notice of the same will be sent by the Director to the San Francisco and Carson Mints with proper instructions to draw upon you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

January 15th 1874.

Sir:

I have to request that you will make all necessary arrangements for the Annual Assay to be held at your Mint on the second Wednesday of February next, including dinner for the commission, officers of the mint, and such clerks, assistants and workmen as may aid the commission.

I will bring a book with me for recording the proceedings.

So much of the coinage act of 1873, as bears upon the duties of the Commission, standards, deviations, &c, is being printed here, and will be sent over in time.

The rules will require one or two unimportant alterations in consequence of the new coinage act. I will write Judge Cadwallader on the subject in order that he may consider the necessary alterations before the assembling of the commission. They can be adopted in a few moments after the Board organizes.

The number of coins reserved are much larger than in former years, and we will require more pans than usual.

There will be three periods for San Francisco and Carson, and two for Philadelphia. These divisions of the coins will add materially to the work of the commission, and probably consume two or three days.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
January 15th/1874.

Supt. U.S. Mint. Philada.

Sir:

Please examine the papers and accounts returned to you yesterday (minor Coinage purchase accounts) and see if Superintendents Warrants for $12,311.80, for wages of Workmen on minor coinage rolls for month of November, is among them; and if so you will return the same to me.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
January 15th/1874.

Supt. Mint. U.S. Philada.

Sir:

Upon examination of your Medal Statements for the Quarter, ending Dec. 31st 1873, I find that 50 Medals of Honor (Copper Bronzed) reported as struck by the Coiner and delivered during the Quarter, are not embraced in the Superintendents' Report.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

Hon. Hamilton Fish,
January 15th/1874

Secretary of State, Washington. D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication from the Director of the Mint to S. Wells Williams Esq. Secretary of Legation, Peking, China, with accompaniments, and request that the same be duly forwarded.

Very respectfully
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.

O. H. La Grange Esq. January 15th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt this day of your letter of the 6th inst. enclosing Requisition for Postage Stamps, and to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

The blanks requested will be sent.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock. Jan'y 15th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.

Sir.

I enclose herewith a statement of the account of the U. S. against the Appropriations for the support of your institution for the Fiscal Year ending June 30th 1874.

You will please compare the same with the books of your mint, and correct them accordingly.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

Philadelphia Mint.

On a/c of appropriations for Fiscal Year ending June 30th 1874.

Date		Salaries	Wages	Contingent
1873	Am't appropriated	$37.900	$250,000	$85,600
July	Remittance ——	3,158,34	20,833,34	14,266,67
Aug	"	3,158.34	23,933,34	
" 19	M. V. Davis ——			27,80
Sept. 1	Remittance	3,158.34	23,000	
" 20	H. R. Linderman			91.60

Date 1873		Salaries.	Wages	Contingent.
Sept 24th	Remittance	3,158.34	23,000-	5,000-
Oct. 16th	"		11,000-	
28th	"	3,158.34	35,000-	10,000-
Nov. 21st	"	3,158.34	15,000-	5,000.-
Dec. 12th	"			6.000-
" 24	"	3,158.34	25,000-	10,000-
1874 Jan. 3rd	Mileage, Conant, Preston, Johannes.			139.20
	Total	22,108.38	175,766.68	50,525.27
	Balance undrawn	$15,791.62	$74,233.32	$35,074.73

O. H. La Grange Esq. — January 15th 1874

Supt. U. S. Mint. San Francisco.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a statement of the account of the U. S. against the appropriations for the support of your institution for the Fiscal year ending June, 30th 1874.

You will please compare the same with the books of your Mint, and correct them accordingly.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

San Francisco Mint.

in a/c of Appropriations for Fiscal Year ending June 30th 1874

Date		Salaries.	Wages	Contingent.
1873.	Amt Appropriated	$30,500.	$200,000.-	$59,545.
July 7	R. Trotter & Co's Bill			1,201.96
" 11.	Remittance	2,166.66	16,666.66	10,000.-
Aug 15th	"	2,166.66	33,333.33	
" 20th	Fairbank's Bros' Bill			2.70
Sept. 9th	Hendrick's Bros'. Bill			1,472.31
" 15th	Remittance	2,166.64	16,666.67	5,000.
Oct. 2nd	"	2,166.70	19,000.	5,000.
Nov. 12th	"	2,166.64	19,000.	5,000.
Dec. 10th	Hendrick's Bros' Bill			1,318.37
" 15th	Remittance	2,166.70	20,000.	5,000.

(over.)

Date 1873.		Salaries	Wages	Contingent
Nov. 8"	Mileage - R. E. Preston			315.50
1874 Jan. 9"	Remittance	2,166.70	25,000 –	10,000.00
	Total	15,166.70	149,666.66	44,310.34
	Balance undrawn	15,333.30	50,333.34	15,234.16

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Superintendent &c.
New York.

January 16th. 1874.

Sir:

I have sent to your address per this day mail 100 copies of Circular No. 6. giving the values of foreign coins in United States money of account.

The supply of the report relative to the legalization of the Trade-dollar has been exhausted; a reprint has been directed, however, and as soon as received a further remittance of the same will be furnished you.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York. N. Y.

Jany 16". 1874.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Ordinary Expense a/c of your institution for the month of December, 1873, and to inform you that the same has this day been referred to the 1st. Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

George C. Thompson, Esq. January 16th 1874.
Agent Adams Ex. Comp'y, U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the closing paragraph of your letter of the 15th inst. I have to request that you furnish me with a statement of the amount due the express company for the transportation of light gold for recoinage (and bullion of same from New York, Assay Office) during the fiscal year 1873: also the amount due on account of the present fiscal year.

The appropriation for 1873 being entirely consumed, it will be necessary to include your bills for that year in the deficiency appropriation asked for. I will thank you, therefore to keep the amounts for the two years entirely distinct from each other, in order to avoid complications in the accounts of the Department.

When the appropriations asked for become available you will be advised.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. Henry Troemner Jan'y 16th 1874.
710 Market St.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th instant has been received. I will be in Philadelphia and inspect the balances on the 24th inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Frank D. Hetrich Esq. January 16th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.
Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, enclosing statements of Assay Coins retained and transmitted to the Philadelphia Mint.

Your attention is called to a communication from this Office under date of June 20th 1873, and I have to request that the special Assay Coins will hereafter be forwarded at the end of each month to the Mint at Philadelphia.

In rendering a statement to this office of Assay Coins reserved and transmitted, it will be necessary to give only the number of pieces & the value of those of each denomination.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Frank, D. Hetrich, Esq. January 16th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City. Nev.
Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt this day of the Bullion a/c of your institution for the 4th Quarter, 1873, and to inform you that the same has been referred to the 1st Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.

January 16th. 1874

Sir:

I am in a receipt of a communication from the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint, Carson City, Nev. to the effect that he has transmitted to your address the following coins, viz:

Assay Coins for October, November and December, 1873.

Double Eagles	16	Value	$320.—
Eagles	3	"	30.—
Half Eagles	4	"	20.—
Trade Dollars	51	"	51.—
Half "	2	"	1.—
Total	76	"	$422.—

Test-Coins for October, November and December, 1873.

Double Eagles	3	Value	$60.—
Trade Dollars	3	"	3.—
Half "	1	"	.50
Total	7	"	$63.50

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs N. Trotter & Co.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Jany 16th. 1874.

Gentlemen:

I return herewith duplicate bills for 14 casks of M & M Copper shipped to Carson Mint, with the request that the same be receipted, and corrected as to the amount, viz:

22,619lbs @ 28¼ = $6,389.86.

Please return to this office as early as practicable.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. January 16th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant, I have to state that an appropriation to cover the loss in abraded gold coin has been asked for, and when made and available, the item of $7.14 to which you call my attention will be reimbursed, to your mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. Henry Penot, January 16th, 1874.
247 South 3rd st.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 15th inst. I have to state that your application for reappointment should be addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint, in whose hands the right to appoint is placed by law.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon, Jany 16th 1874.
1st Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for settlement, the Ordinary Expense %c of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office, New York, for the month of December, 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

A. Wolters, Esq. January 17th/1874.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of January, 1874, has been approved for the sum of $700.– from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1874	$450.00
Wages of Workmen	1874	250.00

With reference to your Requisition for the month of December, 1873, I have to state that there was but $92.55. of your Appropriation for Contingent Expenses undrawn, which reduced your Draft from $800 to $792.55

In this connection I have to inform you that a bill of Fairbanks & Co. for scales furnished amounting to $7.45 is charged against the Contingent appropriation of your institution, and you will please make the proper entry on your books of that amount.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. Charles Marsh, January 17th/1874.

Girardville, Schuylkill Co. Penna.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th inst. has been received.

Having no facilities here for making assays you should address the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for information on the subject.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Frank D. Hetrich, Esq. January 19th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint. Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a statement of the account of the United States against the appropriations for the support of your institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874.

You will please compare the same with the books of your mint, and correct them accordingly.

Very respectfully

H. C. Johannes

For the Director.

Carson Mint.

On a/c of Appropriations for Fiscal Year ending June 30th 1874.

Date. 1873		Salaries	Wages	Contingent
	Am't Appropriated	$17.900.	$67,000	$53.200.
July 1"	S. G. Brighton's Bill			34.71
" 10"	Remittance	1.400.	5.600	9,000.–
Aug. 16"	"	1.491.66	5,583.34	4.433.–
Sept. 17"	"	1.500.–	5.540.–	4.000.–
Oct. 15"	"	1.500.–	5.540.–	4.000.–
" "	Fairbanks Bill			12.05
Nov. 10"	Remittance	1.500.–	8.500.–	4.000.–
Aug. 14"	J. B. Cowden's Bill			10.00
Dec. 8"	Remittance	1.500.–	7.000.–	6.000.–
1874 Jan. 10"	"	1.500.–	7.000.–	8.500.–
	Total	$10,391.66	$44,763.34	$39,989.76
	Balance undrawn	7,508.34	22,236.66	13,210.24

Albert Wolters, Esq. Jan'y 19th 1874.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,

Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Ordinary Expense a/c of your institution for the month of December, 1873, and to inform you that the same has this day been referred to the 1st. Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Jacob F. L. Schirmer Esq.
Assayer in Charge. U. S. Mint. Denver, Colorado

Jan'y 20th. 1874.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a statement of the account of the U. S. against the Appropriations for the support of your institution for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1874.

You will please compare the same with the books of your Mint, and correct them accordingly.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Denver Mint.

On a/c of Appropriations for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1874.

Date		Salaries	Wages	Contingent
1873	Am't Appropriated	$10,400.–	$15,335.–	$5,000.–
July 19"	Remittance	721.20	1.317.–	800.–
Aug. 15"	"	721.20	1,260.–	500.–
Sept. 10"	"	707.60	1,270.–	500.–
Oct. 6"	Loss on unparted gold coins			4.13
" 11"	Remittance	721.20	1.295.–	500.
Nov. 13"	"	707.60	1.270.–	500.
Dec. 11"	"	900.55	1.282.–	200.
Aug. 8"	Morgan & Orr's bill			202.50
" 18"	Mess Phillips "			966.01
1874 Jan. 9"	Remittance	880.60	1,317.–	200.
	Total	5,359.95	9,011.–	4,372.64
	Balance undrawn	5,040.05	6,324.–	627.36

Messrs. E. Balbach & Son. Jan'y 20th, 1874.

Gentlemen:

I will be obliged if you will give me the benefit of your long practical experience in the various metallurgical operations on the following points:

1. Can silver bullion alloyed with copper and other base metals be refined so as to render it fit for coinage without dissolving the copper. I refer to bullion produced in Eastern Nevada and portions of Utah.

2. If such bullion generally termed base silver be treated by melting and cupellation, are traces of lead, antimony &c. likely to remain in the bullion & if so, will the melting of such bullion after refining in the manner described be attended with loss of precious metal, and further, which is most likely to pass off by volatilization, the copper or silver.

Your answer will much oblige

Yours truly

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock, Jan'y 20th, 1874.

Supt. Mint U.S.

Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for comparison with the records kept in your office, statements showing the Gold and Silver Coins reserved for Annual Assay at your Mint, and the Mints at San Francisco and Carson City, for the year 1873. I will thank you to make a careful comparison, noting inaccuracies if any, and return the statements as soon as possible.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman - Director.

Albert Wolters Esq. January 20th 1874.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office

Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

In reply to so much of your letter of the 7th inst. as makes inquiry as to how you may meet contingencies for the remainder of the present fiscal year, I have to inform you that as the law expressly forbids the use of one appropriation for the purposes of another it will be necessary to await the action of Congress upon the deficiency estimates.

A remittance will be promptly forwarded when the appropriation shall have been made and becomes available.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

G. Mallinckrodt & Co. January 20th 1874.

Manufacturing Chemists.

St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 15th inst. with enclosed price list of Chemicals, is at hand.

The officers in charge of the different mints and assay offices have the ordering of their supplies, and I have to request that you address them (the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson City, Nevada, the Assayer in charge of the mint at Denver, Colorado, and the Assayer of the Assay office at Boise city, Idaho) transmitting to each a price list of the chemicals you furnish.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Frank D. Hetrich Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.

January 20th 1874.

Sir:

The ten tons of M&M copper called for in your letter of the 26th ultimo, has been shipped as requested, (see enclosed bill of lading) and the bills for the same (22,619 lbs @ 28¼ = $6,389,86) referred to the accounting officer for settlement from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses, U. S. Mint at Carson, 1874," of which you will please make the necessary entry in your account against that appropriation.

It appears from your letter that you misunderstood me as to the M&M copper being the best for refining purposes of the mint. What I wished to be understood as saying was that this brand of copper is most suitable for alloy where a particularly fine quality of copper is desirable – as for coinage.

The market price of Minnesota Mining Companies copper ruling so much higher than ordinary ingot copper, it should be used only for alloying gold and silver for coinage; and the latter in refining by the sulphuric acid process.

The probability of a rise in the market, however, decided me to pass your requisition for the 10 tons of Minnesota, which, for the purpose of alloy for coins, it is thought will be sufficient to meet the requirements of your institution until the open season arrives; and also to meet the requirements of the San Francisco mint temporarily, if at any time it should become necessary.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman – Director.

F. D. Hetrich Esq. January 20th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson City. Nev.

Sir:

You will please make requisition in the usual form against the appropriation for Wages of Workmen, 1873, for the sum of $585.00.

Under all the circumstances of the case I think Mr. G. W. Bryant is justly entitled to compensation (at the rate at which he was then receiving) for the months of April, May, and June, 1873, and he will accordingly be paid on receipt of the proceeds of the requisition.

You will take his receipt for the amount and render an account in the usual form to this office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock Jany 20th 1874

Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.

Sir:

Please furnish me with a detailed statement of the amount of minor coins, minor coinage alloys, and copper, nickel, tin and zinc on hand, exclusive of any of these items belonging to or existing on account of the $50,000 Minor coinage fund. Also please state the amount of U. S. currency on hand from exchange and re-issue of minor coins excluding the $50,000 Fund and items belonging to it.

My object is to obtain a clear understanding of the account of redemption and reissue of minor coins in order that it may be properly adjusted

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman - Director.

James B. Thompson, Esq.   January 20th 1874.

No. 5. Barclay St. New York.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. and in reply have to inform you that I have sent to your address per this days mail the following documents viz:

A copy of my Annual Report.

Copy of the coinage act of 1873.

Copy of "an act to establish the custom-house value of the pound sterling of Great Britain and to fix the par of exchange".

And copies of Circulars Nos. 5 and 6. from this Bureau.

I also send a copy of a report and proclamation by the authorities of Canton, China authorizing the acceptance of our new trade dollar in payment of duties and for general use, at its intrinsic value in pure silver.

By section 15. of the coinage act you will perceive that the old silver dollar is no longer issued, but that the new trade dollar is substituted therefor; it is so called because of its intended use, viz: for commercial purposes with the great Eastern nations of the world.

I am sir very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.   Jan'y 20th 1874.

Supt. Mint U.S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

In your statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the Quarter ending Dec. 31st 1873, you report a loss in "Parting charges" of $414.21.

As the Mint charges the same to Depositors for Parting as it pays the Refinery I will thank you for an explanation as to the occurrence of the above loss.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

George B. Hanna, Esq. January 20th 1874.
Melter U. S. Assay Office.
Charlotte. N. C.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 17th instant, I enclose herewith, Blank Forms of Official Bond, Affidavit of Sureties and Oath.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

George W. Bryant, Esq. Jany 21st 1874.
Melter and Refiner, U. S. Mint.
Carson City. Nev.

Sir:

Your official bond as Melter and Refiner of the Mint of the United States at Carson City, Nevada, has been approved and referred to the 1st Comptroller for file in his office.

I enclose herewith your commission, and will thank you to acknowledge its receipt.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

C. S. Dennis & Son, January 21st 1874.
Nos 38 and 40 Walnut St.
Newark, N.J.
Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 19th inst. I would say that the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office, under date of the 12th inst. enclosed the several offers for the San Francisco sweeps, and upon examination in this office it was found that the offer of Messrs. E. Balback & Son, of Newark, was the best. Their bid was accordingly accepted, and the Superintendent of the Assay-Office notified to deliver the sweeps.

Your firm's name will be placed on our list of Smelters and in such sales as we may hereafter have a notice and statement of mint assay will be sent you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. Jan'y 21st 1874.
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office.
Charlotte, N. C.
Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt, by reference to this Office, of the Ordinary Expense a/c of your Institution for the month of December 1873, and to inform you that the same has this day been referred to the 1st Auditor for settlement.

You will please transmit your accounts hereafter direct to this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton. Esq. January 21st. 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Philada. Mint of the 15th inst. and the report and statement therein referred to.

You will please examine these papers at your earliest convenience, and submit such explanations as to the causes of the loss in melting at Philadelphia, and the difference between the assays of the two Institutions, as may appear to be called for.

I notice that the loss in melting and difference in fineness, occurs chiefly in the case of Silver bars varying in fineness from 898 to about 907. I understand from the papers submitted that these bars are supposed to be composed wholly of silver and copper, free from base metals, and are therefore fit for coinage without further refining or toughening.

I further understand, they were the result of refining bullion alloyed with copper and base metals, by melting and cupellation.

It is very important therefore to determine positively whether bullion of that character and thus refined is entirely free from base and refractory metals (other than copper) and I have to request that you will give this point a most careful examination, and apply the usual tests for that purpose until you are fully satisfied upon the subject.

In your reply, you will please describe minutely the character of the bullion operated upon, and the mode or modes of refining; also the tests employed to determine whether the base and refractory metals have been entirely eliminated.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

Hon. James Pollock, January 21st 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In compliance with your verbal request, I have caused the enclosed forms to be prepared for your guidance in rendering the minor coinage account.

These forms, in connection with those now in use by you, will, I think, obviate all embarrassment in rendering your accounts.

The form denominated "Minor Coinage, Purchase account" is in every respect similar to the "Deposit account" now rendered by you in connection with your gold and silver "Bullion accounts".

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock Jany 21st 1874
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philada.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter from the Supt. of the New York Assay Office of the 13th inst. together with statement therein referred to; both referring to the loss in melting bars and differences in fineness at your mint, as compared with that office. I will thank you to carefully examine these papers at your earliest convenience, and submit such explanations as may appear to be called for, with a view to ascertain the cause or causes of these differences and determine the proper remedies for their correction.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. January 21st 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expenses account for the month of December, 1873, and to inform you that the same has be referred to the Accounting Officer for settlement.

I must again call your attention to the practice which has attained at your mint of making appointments, increasing compensation, and making payment in such cases without the authority of this office; as for example, in the following instances:

Isaac H. Hopkins, cutter, coiner's dept. paid $1.00 per day in excess of the amount authorized.

Charles G. Wilkins, Asst. Roller, coiner's dept. paid 25 cts per day in excess of the amount authorized.

Employed and paid without the authority of this Office:

J. H. Simpson,	Workman,	@	$6.00	per	diem.
J. A. Becsey	Copyist	@	$125.00	"	month.
E. W. Nohl	Workman	@	$6.	"	diem.
W. H. Jackson	Laborer	@	$135.00	"	month.
E. B. Pomeroy	"	@	$5.50	"	diem.
W. W. Moore	Watchman	@	$125.00	"	month
P. Donnelly	"	@	$4.03	"	diem.
C. A. Bucklee	Copyist	@	$7.00	"	"
John Bamber,	Laborer	@	$125.00	"	month.
P. J. Donoghue	Watchman	@	$125.00	"	"

The law upon the subject of appointments is explicit, and leaves no discretion. It is as follows:

"and he (the Superintendent) shall forthwith re-
"port to the Director of the Mint the names of all
"persons appointed by him, the duties to be per-
"formed, the rate of compensation, the appropria-
"tion from which compensation is to be made, and
"the grounds of the appointment; and if the Director

"of the Mint shall disapprove the same, the "appointment shall be vacated".

You will be expected in future to strictly comply with the above provision of law, and report at the time they are made, all appointments in your mint for the action of this Office. Increase of compensation cannot be allowed until approved by the Director pursuant to law.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. R. W. Tayler
1st Comptroller

January 21st 1874.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for file in your Office, the Official Bond of Geo. W. Bryant, Melter and Refiner, Mint of the U. S. Carson City, Nevada, executed under a Commission from the President of the United States bearing date of Dec. 18th 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman _ Director.

J. M. Eckfeldt, Esq.
Supt. of Construction
New Mint. San Francisco.

January 21st 1874.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith, please find your report for the month of November 1873, returned for correction as endorsed by the Supervising Architect upon your reports for the months of July, August and September, 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton Esqr. January 21st 1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,

New York.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a statement of the account of the United States against the Appropriations for the support of your institution for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1874.

You will please compare the same with the books of your office and correct them accordingly.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

New York Assay Office

On % of Appropriations for the Fiscal Year ending June 30th 1874

Date		Salaries	Wages	Contingent
1873	Amt Appropriated	$20.700.-	$68.000.-	$22,000.-
July 2d	Remittance	1.744.-	6.400.-	2.500.-
Aug 2d	"	1.744.-	6.700.-	4.500.-
" 20th	Fairbanks & Co. Bill			5.40
Sept 5th	Remittance	1.700.-	6.700.-	5.500.-
Oct. 1st	"	1.744.-	6.956.-	5.000.-
Nov. 3d	"	1.700.-	7.000.-	4.494.60
Dec. 3d	"	1.744.-	7.800.-	
1874 Jany 5th	"	1.744.-	7.645.-	
	Total	12.120.-	49.201.-	22.000.-
	Balance undrawn	8.580.-	18.799.-	

Hon. James Pollock, January 22d 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.

Sir: Referring to my letter of the 15th inst. I have to request that you inform me if the Warrant for Wages of Workmen on min or coinage rolls for month of November has been found, and if so to return the same to me. Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman Director.

Hon. James Pollock. January 22d 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt by express of seven proof pattern pieces of the trade dollar as per letter of advice dated the 21st instant, and enclose herewith my draft on G. B. Linderman, New York; for the amount due $52.50.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. A. B. Mullett Jany 22d 1874.

Supervising Architect
Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a schedule of furniture required for the New Mint building at San Francisco, with the request that the articles embraced therein, may be furnished that Institution.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler January 22d 1874.

#28 Grant Place, Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your report of this date, on the Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. and to state that it is complete and shows a familiarity with the subject that will render it doubly interesting as an official document for the future reference of the Bureau.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. January 22d, 1874.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office.
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

Your attention is invited to the following extract from a report made to this office by Col. John H. Wheeler, special examiner, who lately visited your institution:

× × "There has been collected and recovered from the sweeps the sum of $\$181\frac{75}{100}$, which, as shown from the books of the office, has been accounted for to the Government. The amount on hand is one ton of old crucibles; 1/4 ton of iron tinkers, and two and a half tons of sediment, varying in value from $5.00 to $500. per ton. The reason why these sweeps have not been sifted or operated upon is that there is no reducing or crushing force or machine available at this establishment for such purposes." × ×.

I will thank you to inform me as to the probable cost to have the sweeps referred to placed in barrels and shipped to Philadelphia by the most direct line of transportation.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Please also state approximately the value of these sweeps per pound, that is to say, their assay value. H. R. L.

Hon. James Pollock January 23d 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philada.

Sir:

Please have your son make out his bill for mileage and services in accordance with the enclosed form, and to receipt and enclose it to me. This to accompany your bill as a sub-voucher.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

Hon. James Pollock, January 23rd 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia. Pa.
Sir:

It appears from your letter of yesterday that among the coins in the minor coinage redemption fund are $98,546.22 in copper-nickel one cent pieces. Under the authority heretofore given, you will please recoin these pieces into five cent copper-nickel coins, and pay out the latter in exchange for U. S. currency. So soon as the sum of $10,000 in U. S. notes shall accrue therefrom, you will notify the Treasurer of the United States whereupon the transfer of such sum will be ordered by the proper authority.

This course will be continued until the amount (about $112,000) which belonged to the Redemption Fund, and was inadvertently covered into the Treasury of the United States as Profits on the minor coinage, is re-imbursed to that fund, and transferred to the Treasury of the U. S. in the mode necessary to properly discharge the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

If practicable, it is desirable that this account should be adjusted by the close of the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon, January 23rd 1874.
1st Auditor.
Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for settlement the Ordinary Expense a/c of the U. S. Mint, Carson City, Nevada, for the month of December, 1873.

Your attention is invited to the compensation of the following employés, the same being in excess of the amounts authorized, viz:

H. B. Bostwick, Chief Clerk, amount authorized $2000 per annum, compensation paid $2500.

T. R. Hofer, Cashier, amount authorized $2000 per annum, compensation paid $2500.

W. H. Stevens, Asst. Melter and Refiner, wages authorized $6.50 per diem, wages paid $7.50.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Frank D. Hetrich, Esq. January 23d 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Ordinary Expense Account of your institution for the month of December, 1873, and to inform you that the same has been referred to the 1st Auditor for settlement.

The attention of the Auditor has been called to the compensation paid to the following employés, the same being in excess of the accounts authorized, viz: H. B. Bostwick Chief Clerk, $2500, compensation approved, $2000.

T. R. Hofer, Cashier, $2500, compensation approved, $2000.

W. H. Stevens, Asst. Melter and Refiner, $7.50 per diem, wages approved for $6.50.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles Esq.
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte. N.C.

January 24th 1874.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a statement of the account of the United States against the Appropriations for the support of your institution for the Fiscal Year ending June 30th 1874.

You will please compare the same with the books of your Office, and should there be any difference, correct them accordingly.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Charlotte Assay Office.

On a/c of Appropriations for the Fiscal Year ending June 30th 1874.

Date		Salaries	Wages.	Contingent.
1873	Amt Appropriated	$2.700	$292.–	$1.500.–
Aug. 23d	Remittance	450.–	48.66	250.
Sept. 11	"	225.–	25.–	
Oct. 6	"	225.–	25.–	
Nov. 12	"	225.–	25.–	125.–
Dec. 15	"	225.–	25.–	
1874 Jan. 5	"	225.–	30.–	45
	Total	$1.575.–	$178.66	$420.
	Balance undrawn	$1,125.–	$113.34	$1,080.–

Albert Wolters, Esq.
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

January 24th 1874.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a statement of the account of the United States against the Appropriations for the support of your institution for the Fiscal year ending June, 30th, 1874.

You will please compare the same with the books of your Office, and should there be any difference, correct them accordingly.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Boise City Assay Office.

On a/c of Appropriations for the Fiscal Year ending June 30th 1874.

Dates.		Salaries	Wages	Contingent
1873	Am't Appropriated	$5,400.–	$3000.–	$1,500.–
July 1"	Remittance	450.–	250.–	900.–
Aug. 13"	"	450.–	250.–	125.–
" 20"	Fairbanks & Co's Bill			7.45
Sept. 15"	Remittance	450.–	250.–	125.–
Oct. 17"	"	450.–	250.–	125.–
Nov. 12"	"	450.–	250.–	125.–
Dec. 15"	"	450.–	250.–	92.55
1874 Jan. 17"	"	450.–	250.–	
	Total	$3,150.–	$1,750.–	$1,500.–
	Balance undrawn	$2,250.–	$1,250.–	

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. January 26th 1874.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office.
Charlotte. N. C.

Sir.

The bill of Jno. H. Wheeler, Esq. for services as Examiner of your institution, amounting to $413.00 has been received at this office, and charged against your appropriation for "Contingent Expenses".

You will please cause the proper entry to be made upon your books.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. John Cadwalader
Chairman, Assay Commission

Jany 26th 1874

Dear Sir:

The Commission for testing the coinage of the year 1873, will meet at the Mint in Philadelphia on the 2d Wednesday in February.

In consequence of the adoption of the new Mint Law since the last assay, it will render necessary one or two alterations in the rules for the organization and government of the Board. In order that you may have the matter before you in advance of the assembling of the Commission I enclose herewith a copy of the existing rules with the necessary alterations interlined.

I have also had printed for the use of the Commission, so much of the coinage act of Feby 12th, 1873, as bears upon the duties of the commission &c, a copy of which I enclose.

With great respect
I am very truly, Yr. obt Servant
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Arthur de Studnitz, Esq.
Berlin, Prussia.

Jany 26th 1874.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 3d inst. asking for the laws of the U.S. which regulate the standard fineness of Gold and Silver wares, and in reply would say that there is no legislation upon the subject.

I regret to inform you that there are no copies of the Statutes at Large for distribution, — they can be obtained however from any Book-seller in New York.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

O. H. LaGrange Esq. January 26th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco. Cal.

Sir:

The names of the following employés of your Mint, as shown by the Official Register of this Office, do not appear upon your pay rolls for the month of December, nor upon the list with proposed reduction of wages submitted in your letter of the 22nd ultimo, viz:

		General Department.	
1.	David Green,	Watchman	@ $1,500 per annum.
2.	J. M. Lamping	"	" " " "
3	J. V. Winstanley	"	" " " "
4.	Jas. Smart.	Workman	" " " "
		Melter and Refiner's Department.	
5.	Wm. Dakin,	Helper	@ $6.00 per diem.

You will please inform this office whether these persons are still employed in your institution, and if not, the date of their removal.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Recorded in Appts. Book

Frank D. Hetrick, Esq. Jan'y 26th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir.

The compensation of H. B. Bostwick, chief Clerk, of your Mint, is hereby increased from $2,000 to $2,200 per annum to take effect from January 1st 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock. January 26th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 24th inst. inquiring whether the sum of $21,763.72 standing to the credit of the minor coinage account cannot be drawn upon at once by the Treasurer of the U. S. and applied to the re-imbursing of the Redemption fund.

The gain arising from the minor coinage being the difference between the nominal value of such coin and the cost thereof, is chargeable only with the wastage incurred in such coinage and the expense of distributing the same; the balance is, by express provision of law, to be covered into the Treasury of the U. S.

I take it for granted that the item to which you refer is again on the minor coinage, and cannot, therefore, be employed in re-imbursing the Redemption fund.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Henry Troemner Jany 26th 1874.
710 Market Street
Philadelphia.

Telegram.

Ship balances by express.

H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Hon. James Pollock, January 26th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.
Sir:

The following Statements are due this office for the month of December, 1873.

Statement of Gold & Silver Deposited.

" " " " " of Domestic Production.

Also Quarterly Statement of Earnings & Expenditures for the Quarter ending Dec. 31st 1873.

Please transmit as early as possible.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq January 27th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.
Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 26th inst, I have to inform you that it is not material who manufactures the proposed balance except that it be a well known manufacturer.

It is understood that the Messrs. Becker & Son import their balances in an unfinished condition and thereby avoid the payment of duty; and are able to undersell American manufacturers.

For obvious reasons it would not be proper to purchase such balances.

All other things being equal, preference should be given to Articles of home manufacture.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Superintendent U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

January 27th. 1874.

Sir:

I enclose herewith account of sale of 249 Bbls of sweeps received from your mint per "Gen McClellan".

The statement shows the net proceeds to be seven thousand seven hundred and seven and $\frac{84}{100}$ ($7.707.84) Dollars, gold coin, for which amount you will make a draft on the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office, sell the same to the best advantage, - not below par - and restore the sum of $7.707.84 aforesaid to the Bullion Fund of your mint.

The premium realized on the draft will be paid into the Treasury of the U. S. as a miscellaneous receipt, and the certificate of deposit forwarded through this office to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

The Honorable
Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State.

Jan'y 27th. 1874.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. with enclosure from the Consul General at Shanghai in relation to the new Trade Dollar, and in accordance with your request return the despatch herewith to you.

Very respectfully, yr obd't Servant
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.

Messrs. Mauzy and Beale
Rushville Ind.
P. O. Box. No. 1.

January 27d 1874.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 23d. inst. addressed to the Collector of Customs at New York, and forwarded by that officer to this office requesting a "price list of foreign coins."

In reply, I enclose herewith a copy of circular No. 6. from this Bureau, exhibiting the values of foreign coins in United States moneys of account, which I presume contains the information you desire.

I am very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st. Auditor

January 27d. 1874.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for settlement the Bullion a/c of the mint of the United States, Denver, Colorado, for the 4th. Quarter, 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs E. Balbach & Son
233 River street
Newark. N. J.

Jany 27, 1874.

Gentlemen:

Be pleased to accept my thanks for your favor of the 23d. instant.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. January 27th 1874.
Superintendent &c.
New York.

Sir:

I have sent to you by this days mail one hundred copies of the report of and Proclamation of the authorities at Canton, China, relative to the legalization of the American trade-dollar and of its acceptance in payment of duties at its intrinsic value in pure silver.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jacob F. L. Schirmer Esq. Jany 27th 1874.
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Bullion a/c of your institution for the 4th Quarter, 1873, and to inform you that the same has this day been transmitted to the 1st Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. R. W. Tayler. January 28th 1874.
1st Comptroller.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for file in your Office the Official Bond of Jefferson T. Babcock, coiner at the Mint of the United States, San Francisco, Cal., executed under a commission from the President bearing date of December 8th 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director

J. M. Eckfeldt, Esq. Jan'y 28th 1874.
Supt. of Machinery, &c, U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find copy of Henry Troemner's bill for balances, pans, &c, furnished under agreement for the use of the new mint at San Francisco; also bill of lading.

The amount of Mr. Troemner's bill, $4,798.00, will be paid by the Supervising Architect from the appropriation for machinery.

I will thank you to advise me of the condition of the balances when received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Albert Walters, Esq. January 28th 1874.
Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

The set of standard weights requested in your letter of the 27th ult. having been examined and compared with the standard troy weights in the custody of the Mint at Philadelphia, have been shipped to your address (see enclosed bill of lading) and the bills for the same, amounting to $177.50, will be held in this office until the deficiency appropriations become available.

You will be advised of the action then taken.

Be pleased to inform me of the condition of the weights when received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Henry Troemner Esq. January 28th 1874.
710 Market St.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

The bills against the mints at San Francisco and Carson, and the Assay Office at Boise City, for balances, &c, furnished, have been received.

Those for San Francisco ($4,798.00) and Carson ($229.50) have been respectively referred to the Supervising Architect and the 1st Auditor for settlement, from which accounts you will have prompt advice. The bill against the Boise City Assay Office ($177.50) will necessarily have to lay over until Congress shall have acted upon the deficiency appropriations for this year, as I explained to you verbally during my late visit to Phila.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Please furnish this office with the official certificate of the Mint at Philada. of the accuracy of the weights. H. R. L.

Hon. James Pollock January 28th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 27th inst. covering a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury with C/D No. 572 for $46.05 on account of Old material sold, and to inform you that the same have been forwarded to their proper destination.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

F. D. Hetrich Esq. January 28th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the sets of weights requested, in your letter of the 10th ultimo, have been shipped to your address, (see enclosed bill of lading) and the bills therefor, amounting to $229,50, have been referred to the accounting officer for settlement from the appropriation for "Contingent expenses U. S. Mint at Carson City, 1874," which sum you will please charge against that appropriation.

I have to request that you advise this office of the condition of the weights when received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock Jan'y 28th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.

Sir:

In compliance with request contained in your letter of yesterday, I enclose herewith statements of Assay Coins reserved at the Mint, San Francisco subsequent to the Quarter ending Mch. 31. 1873.

As the Bureau was not organized at that time, the statement for that Quarter must be on file at your mint.

Please return these statements, as soon as you have completed your report.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jefferson T. Babcock, Esq. January 28th 1874.
Coiner U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Official Bond, as Coiner, of the Mint of the United States, San Francisco, and to inform you that the same has been approved by the Director of the Mint and the Secretary of the Treasury, and transmitted to the 1st Comptroller for file in that office.

I enclose herewith your commission, and you will please acknowledge its receipt.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. B. Thompson Esq. January 29th 1874.
#5 - Barclay Street. New York City

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th instant, and in reply to the questions asked therein I have to state as follows:

1st The Dollar composed of subsidiary silver coins having been brought into harmony with the 5 franc piece of France, the weight of which is 25 grammes, metric weights were accordingly assigned for subsidiary silver coins.

2d According to Section 15 of the Coinage Act of February 12, 1873, the weight of the Trade Dollar is fixed at 420 grains, and the weight of the Half dollar at 12.5 grammes, which would make the weight of 2 Half Dollars, 25 grammes or 385.8 grains.

Weight of Trade Dollar	420	grains
" " Subsidiary Dollar	385.8	"
Excess of Trade Dollar	34.8	"

385.8 : 34.2 :: 1.00% = .088%.

From the above calculation you will perceive that the Trade dollar is more than 8½ per cent in excess of the subsidiary silver dollar.

Hoping that this information may prove satisfactory

I am very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

January 29th 1874.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 28" instant.

You will please include the boxes in your bill for the specimen trade dollar coins, to be collected here, and send also one trade dollar ordinary coinage.

If you have a proof trade dollar of 1873, please also include it.

I should not favor the striking of any pieces beyond the number agreed upon.

Please have the third set ordered placed in a case.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

Parker Handy, Esq.
24 Nassau St. New York.

Jan'y 29th 1874.

Dear Sir:

Please accept my thanks for your favor of the 28th instant.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock, January 29th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of February, 1874, has been approved for the sum of $30,158.34 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries — —	1874 — —	$3,158.34
Wages of Workmen	1874 — — —	22,000.00
Contingent Expenses	1874. — — —	5,000.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. B. White, Esq. Jany 29th 1874
Compt. Philadelphia and Reading R.R.
#227 South 4th St.
Philada. Pa.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 28th instant, I have to inform you that I have sent you by this days mail six copies of Circular No. 6. from this Bureau, exhibiting the values of foreign coins in United States moneys of account.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. J. E. Hilgard, Jany 30th 1874.
Asst. Supt. U. S. Weights and Measures
Washington D.C.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the set of grain weights referred to in your letter of this date.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

Senator Don Antonio Flores, January 30th 1874.

Minister Resident from Ecuador,
1741 G. St. Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to the application made by the authorities of your country to have certain coins struck at the mints of the United States, I have the honor to inform you that a law authorizing the execution of coinage for such countries as may apply for the same has been passed by Congress.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. Matthew Waters January 30th 1874.

(With Messrs. C. S. Dennis & Son)
38 & 40 Walnut St. Newark, N.J.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th inst. and to state in reply that there are no vacancies at present in any of the Assayer's Departments of our Mints or Assay offices.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Albert Wolters Esq. January 30th 1874.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the a/c current of your Bullion account for the 3rd quarter, 1873, and to inform you that the same has been referred to the 1st Auditor.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

George Eyster, Esq. January 30th 1874.
Asst. Treasurer U.S.
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

In reply to the inquiry contained in your letter of the 28th instant, I have to inform you that by the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, your review of Mr. Tayler's report has been placed upon file in this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange Esq. Jany 30th 1874.
Supt. U.S. Mint.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 21st inst. enclosing a letter to the Assistant Treasurer at Washington covering Transfer Order No. 1887 for $100,000 in Half Dollar Coins delivered to Wells Fargo & Co. for shipment to New York, and to inform you that the same has been referred to the Treasurer's Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Wirt Hopkins Esq. Jany 30th 1874.
Assayer, U.S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Official Bond as Assayer of the U.S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada, and to inform you that the same has been approved by the Director of the Mint and the Secretary of the Treasury, and transmitted to the 1st Comptroller, for file in that Office.

I enclose herewith your Commission & request that you will acknowledge its receipt.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. R. W. Tayler
1st Comptroller

Jan'y 30th 1874.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for file in your office, the Official Bond of Wirt Hopkins, as Assayer, in the Mint of the United States at Carson City, Nevada, executed under a Commission from the President bearing date of December 18th 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

January 31st 1874.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 23d instant, enclosing a letter to the Ass't Treasurer of the U. S. covering C/D #1889 for $100,000 in Quarter Dollar coins, shipped per Wells, Fargo & Co to New York City, and to inform you that the same have been referred to the Treasurer's Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. William A. Richardson January 31st 1874.
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I have the honor to call your attention to the appointment of Commissioners for testing the reserved Gold and Silver coinage of the United States for the year 1873, in accordance with the provisions of Section 48, coinage Act of 1873.

The Commissioners are to be designated by the President, and are not restricted as to number. The following names are respectfully suggested as suitable persons to make the examination of the coinage as required by law:

Hon. A. E. Borie	Philadelphia, Pa
Prof. Francis J. Child	Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass.
Prof. R. E. Rodgers	University of Pennsylvania.
Prof. J. E. Hilgard	Bureau, Weights & Measures, Washington, D.C.
Prof. Henry Coppée	President, Lehigh University.
Andrew Mason, Esq.	New York, Assay Office.
E. B. Elliott, Esq.	Treasury Department.
Prof. John Le Conte	Philadelphia.
Hon. John P. Jones	U. S. Senator.
Charles M. Walker Esq	Indiana.
Dr. B. F. Taylor	Louisiana.
J. M. Merrick, Esq.	Boston, Mass.

I am, Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. J. E. Hilgard Jan'y 31st 1874.
Bureau Weights & Measures
U. S. Coast Survey
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Under the provision of the 48th section of the coinage act of 1873, the President has designated you as one of the Commissioners to examine and test the fineness and weight of the coin reserved by the several mints during the year, 1873.

The Commission will assemble at the mint in Philadelphia on the 11th day of February next.

I am not authorized to allow you any compensation for your services but your necessary expenses while in the performance of your duty as Commissioner, will be reimbursed to you by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint.

Please notify me of your acceptance of the appointment.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Prof. R. E. Rodgers
University of Penna. Philada. Pa.

Hon. John P. Jones
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President Lehigh University.
Bethlehem. Pa.

E. B. Elliott Esq.
Chief Clerk Bureau Statistics
Treasury Department.

Andrew Mason, Esq.
Melter and Refiner
U. S. Assay Office.
New York

Hon. A. E. Borie
Philadelphia. Pa.

Thomas C. Acton Esq. January 31st 1874.
Superintendent &c.
New York Assay Office.
Sir,

Referring to my letter to you under date of the 21st inst. relative to the discrepancy existing in the Assays of Gold and Silver Bullion between the Mint at Philadelphia and New York Assay Office (viz: the loss in melting, and difference in fineness,) and the request therein contained, I will thank you to furnish me the said information at your earliest convenience.

While it is not my wish to cause any undue haste in the preparation of these statements, still I shall be pleased if they can be furnished early during the ensuing week.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. Jany 31st 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.
Sir:

I have to inform you of the receipt of a communication from the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, advising me of the shipment of the second hundred thousand dollars Silver Coin East, and that the remaining hundred thousand would be forwarded on the 24th inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. M. Eckfeldt, Esq. January 31st. 1874.

Supt. Construction U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I again return herewith your Report for the month of October 1873. for further correction.

On Page 29 you give the *total cost* of machinery paid for in Washington, $52,762.07

The Supervising Architect states that it will be necessary for you to mention *in detail* the different *kinds* of machinery for which this sum was paid, and the *cost* of *each*.

Please make this correction and return the same to this office at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

P. S. I am informed that duplicate bills of all machinery for the new Mint paid in Washington, have been transmitted to you. — Director.

Hon. Hamilton Fish. Feby 2d. 1874.

Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a certified copy of the law recently enacted, authorizing coinage at the Mints of the United States for other Countries, be furnished this Department.

I am Sir, very respectfully
Wm. H. Richardson
Secretary.

Hon. Samuel Hooper, February 2nd 1874.
Chairman Comittee Coinage
Weights and Measures.

Sir:

It is respectfully recommended that the Bill (H. R. 1383) authorizing the issue of certificates for the value of gold bullion deposited at the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States, be modified so as to authorize a bullion fund to be kept at certain Assay Offices which under existing laws have not that privilege, and to allow the Secretary of the Treasury to use as far as he may deem it proper and expedient in payment to Gold bullion depositors, coin certificates representing coin in the Treasury and issued under the provisions of Section 5 of an act, entitled "An act to provide ways and means for the support of the Government" approved March 3. 1863.

This modification will obviate the necessity for issuing an additional medium of exchange and will enable satisfactory checks to be imposed.

A Draft of a Bill embracing the necessary alterations and changing the title of the pending Bill is herewith transmitted, and its passage recommended.

If the measure should receive the favorable consideration of Congress, it will be of much benefit to producers of bullion at points remote from Coinage Mints, by enabling them to promptly realize the net coinage value of their deposits.

It will also prove of advantage to the public interests by allowing Fine Gold Mint bars to be kept in the Treasury and in the exchange of the same for coin when the former are required for commercial purposes. It is an almost universal practice, when coin is exported or melted for manufacturing purposes to select the heaviest pieces; the light or worn coins being excluded. The effect of this practice is to gradually depreciate the coinage. The proposed bill will in a great measure prevent it.

I am Sir, very respectfully
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.

W. Schaus Esq. Feby 2nd 1874.
749 Broadway, New York.

Sir:

In answer to your communication of the 31st ult. I present the following as the estimated production of gold and silver in the United States for the last ten years:

From 1864 to 1868	$276,700,000.
" 1868 " 1873, inclusive	332,163,000
	$608,863,000.
Yearly average	$60,886,300.

The present annual production may be stated as about $43,000,000 in Gold and $30,000,000 Silver, Total $73,000,000.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon Feby 2nd 1874.
1st Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Bullion accounts of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. for the 3rd and 4th quarters, 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Alvah Crocker, M.C. Feby 2d 1874.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your verbal request I have prepared and send herewith a Memorandum embracing the statement of Wells Fargo & Co in relation to the bullion product of the States and Territories west of the Missouri river. These figures are as near accurate as it is practicable to obtain.

I enclose copy of my Annual Report, and two other documents on various subjects connected with the coinage.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Memorandum.

The following is the statement of Wells Fargo & Co.'s Express of the Bullion product of the United States for 1873. One Million of dollars would be a fair estimate of the amount received from sources not included in the statement of the Express Company.

California	$18,025,722.
Nevada	35,254,507.
Oregon	1,376,882.
Washington	209,393
Idaho	2,343,654
Montana	3,892,816
Utah	4,906,337
Arizona	47,778
Colorado	4,083,268
Mexico	868,798
British Columbia	1,250,038
	$72,258,693
From other sources	1,000,000
Total	$73,258,693

Of this total $73,258,693, I estimate about $30,000,000 to have been silver, and $43,000,000 gold.

Appearances indicate that the production of 1874 will somewhat exceed that of 1873.

Messrs. Mauzy and Beale Feby 2d. 1874.

Rushville, Indiana.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th. ultimo, enclosing a money order for seventy (70) cents, together with three 3¢ postage stamps with which you wish to purchase certain foreign coins.

The Circular from this Bureau enclosed in my letter to you under date of the 27th. ultimo was issued in accordance with the requirements of the law, and simply exhibits the values of foreign coins in U. S. money of account.

The money order and stamps are herewith returned.

I am very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton Esq. Feby 2d. 1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st. ultimo, enclosing a statement of the account current of your Bullion Fund embracing the increase of $200,000 in Silver coins received from San Francisco, and to inform you that the enclosure has been referred to the Treasurer of the United States.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock January 31st 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philada. Pa.

It appears that in December last Foreign Gold coin of the nominal value of $3,881.75 was transmitted you by the Treasurer of the United States for coinage, and upon which a coinage charge of $7.73 was levied and deducted I have to request that you will pay to the Treasurer of the U. S. this sum and debit your Bullion Profit Loss account with the same.

Very Respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. Feby 2d 1874.
Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte. N. C.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Bullion a/c of your institution for the Quarters ending Sept. 30th & Dec. 31st 1873, and to inform you that they have been referred to the 1st Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. Feby 2d 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Sir,

I am in receipt of a communication from the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint advising this office of the shipment on the 24th ult. of $100,000 in Silver Coins per Wells, Fargo & Co, completing the order of the Department.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.   February 2nd 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 24th ult. enclosing a letter to the Assistant Treasurer and Transfer Order No. 1890 for $100,000 in silver coin, - completing the order of the Department, - shipped to New York.

The enclosures have been referred to their proper destination.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

E. Johnstone, Esq.   Feby 2d 1874
Cashier Keokuk Savings Bank
Keokuk, Iowa.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 29th ult. I enclose herewith ten copies of Circular No. 12, relative to the exchange and redemption of the minor coins of the United States.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

E. H. Levy, Esq.   Feby 2d 1874
26 Gravier St. New Orleans, La.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 28th ultimo, I enclose herewith three copies of Circular No. 6, from this Bureau, showing the values of foreign coins in U. S. Moneys of account.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. Feby 3rd 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a/c current of your Bullion Fund, embracing the increase of $100,000 in Silver Coin received on the 2nd instant from San Francisco, and to inform you that the same has been referred to the Treasurer of the United States.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. Feby 3rd 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

The statement of the sale of San Francisco sweeps, forwarded by you on the 26th ultimo, was duly received at this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Please accept my thanks for the prompt and efficient attention to sale of sweeps. H. R. L. Dir.

Hon. James Pollock Feby 3rd 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Phila.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of Edwin F. Walton, Laborer in your institution.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — Feby 3rd 1874.
Supt. Mint. U. S. Philada.

Sir:

I send by to-days Express a package containing 100 copies of Laws relating to Annual Assay, 25 copies of coinage act of 1873, and a book for the purpose of recording the proceedings of the commission.

Please inform me of the receipt thereof.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

The copies of the Laws relating to the assay, and the coinage acts are designed for the use of the commission.

Frank. D. Hetrich, Esq. — Feby 3rd 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

In your letter of the 23rd ultimo, referring to a previous dispatch, you state that you did not ask for an increase of your Bullion Fund, but for permission to purchase Silver for coinage to the extent of $50,000 to $100,000 per month.

I do not understand what you propose to do with the Silver coin after the conversion of a part of the Bullion Fund therein.

We shall instruct you in a short time to transfer the greater portion of your Silver profits to the Treasury of the United States, after which we will see what is best to be done with reference to the further purchase of Silver Bullion at your mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. John Sherman Feby 3rd 1874.
Chairman, Committee on Finance.
Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a communication from the Clerk of your Committee enclosing Bills for the establishment of Assay Offices at Portland, Oregon, and Helena, Montana, requesting to be furnished with any information bearing upon the subject, and asking what recommendation I would make as to the policy of passing laws to carry into effect the Bills referred to and a memorial from the citizens of Omaha, Nebraska, in favor of the establishment of a mint at that point under existing laws the operations of Assay Offices, other than that at New York, are confined to the Melting Assaying and stamping of bullion. Each deposit is operated on separately, and the identical bullion returned to the depositor in the form of what is termed "unparted" bars, by which is meant bullion containing both gold and silver in the proportions in which it comes from the mines, mills and reduction works.

Experience proves that Assay Offices having only the privilege of returning bullion in the form stated, are not of much value to the producers of bullion in the districts in which they are located, which is due to the fact that unparted bars have to be sent to one of the Mints for parting and coinage. This involves some delay and must be taken into account in connection with the high rate of interest which generally prevails, and which causes them to be sold at a higher rate of discount than the miners can well afford to pay.

To obviate this difficulty in the future, the draft of a Bill placing in effect the Mint at

Denver, now conducted as an Assay Office, and the Assay Office at Charlotte, N.C. and Boise, Idaho, upon an equality with the Assay Office at New York as respects a Bullion Fund, and the payment therefrom of Gold Deposits, was recently prepared by this Department, and sent to the House of Representatives.

The Bill also provides for the use of coin certificates representing coin in the Treasury in paying for Gold deposited at these interior Assay Offices.

Should this Bill become a law, Assay Offices may, it is believed, be established at Portland, Oregon, and Helena, Montana, with advantage to the Mining interests of those sections of the Country.

If a Mint were established at Omaha, its operations would be confined principally to bullion received from the smelting works located there, and consisting chiefly of silver.

The bullion received at Omaha, is derived principally from silver containing lead and other base metals sent from Colarado, Utah and Nevada to the smelting works for reduction, and as the resulting bars are in form and condition for manufacturing purposes or commercial use, a mint at that point would not, in my opinion, afford advantage to the public sufficient to justify the expense of establishing and conducting it.

I am Sir, very respectfully
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. James Pollock, February 4

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

The transfer of silver coin from San Francisco to New York gives the Assay Office a supply of quarter dollars largely in excess of the demand. You will, therefore, not manufacture any more of that denomination than you may deem necessary to meet demands from sources other than the Assay Office.

This instruction is not to be regarded as interfering with any transfer of silver bullion heretofore made by the Assay Office for that denomination of coin.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

F. D. Hetrich Feby 3d. 1874

Supt. Mint. U. S.

Carson City.

Will increase deficiency estimate as requested. Send explanatory letter showing clearly how the deficiency arises and necessity for the same.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Brown Brothers & co. Feby 3d. 1874.

New York.

Gentlemen:

As per request contained in your letter of the 2d. instant, I have sent you by this days mail 6 copies of Circular No. 5 from this Bureau.

I am very respectfully

H. R. Linderman - Director.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq. Feby 4th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of the 31st ult. and my reply thereto of the 3rd inst. I have to inform you that upon further consideration the amount of the deficiency estimate for wages of workmen has been reduced $5,000 and the estimate for Contingent Expenses increased in a like sum, making the amounts of each appropriation as follows:

Wages of Workmen,	$16,600–
Contingent Expenses	48,400–

which does not change the total amount of the estimates as submitted.

Your present balance on account of the appropriation for wages of workmen is $22,236.66 to which add the $16,600 asked for makes $38,836.66 which will give you an average monthly remittance of over $7,700: much in excess of your requirements heretofore.

On account of the Appropriation for Contingent Expenses the balance is $6,590.87, to which add the $48,400 asked for makes a total for the remaining five months of the fiscal year of $54,990.87 allowing an average monthly remittance of nearly $11,000 an amount surely ample to meet all demands for repairs and supplies.

This action was deemed the wisest on account of the opposition Congress is making to the expenses of the Department generally, and it is thought that your expenditures can, by economy and good management, be kept within these amounts.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Recorded in Appt. Book

O. H. La Grange, Esq. February 4th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The compensation of Bernard Laude, Office Clerk, in the General Dept. of your institution, is hereby increased from $7.50 to $8.00 per diem, from January 1st 1874, as recommended in your letter of the 27th ultimo.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

O. H. La Grange Feb. 5th 1874.
Supt. Mint. San Francisco.

Ex Senator Nye strongly urges re-instatement of Mary E. Nye, comply therewith if consistent with public interests.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. J. H. de Hegerman-Lindencrone, Feby 5th 1874
Chargé d'affaires, Denmark,
#1633 "K" St. Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The enclosed letter addressed to you came in the official mail of this office, and was inadvertently opened. The name (Lindencrone) appearing somewhat like my own is supposed to have caused the error.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. W. Eckfeldt Esq. February 5th/1874.

Melter and Refiner, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your official Bond as Melter and Refiner, of the U. S. Mint, San Francisco, and to inform you that the same has been approved by the Director of the Mint and the Secretary of the Treasury, and referred to the 1st Comptroller for file in that office.

I enclose herewith your Commission, and you will please acknowledge its receipt.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Wm. H. Doane Esq. Feby 5th/1874.

Coiner, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Official Bond as Coiner of the U. S. Mint, Carson City, and to inform you that the same has been approved by the Director of the Mint and the Secretary of the Treasury and referred to the 1st Comptroller for file in that Office.

I enclose herewith your Commission, and you will please acknowledge its receipt.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. R. W. Tayler, February 5th 1874.
1st Comptroller.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for file in your office the Official Bonds of J. M. Eckfeldt, Melter and Refiner, U. S. Mint at San Francisco, and Wm. H. Doane, Coiner, U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock February 5th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, and the coins mentioned therein, and to enclose herewith U. S. Treasurer's check on the Asst. Treasurer at Philadelphia for $72,35 the amount due.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock Feby 5th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 4th inst. covering a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury enclosing c/d for $181.75 proceeds of Assay of Ores, and to inform you that the enclosures have been forwarded to their proper destination.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

Hon. Wm H. Richardson February 5th 1874.
Secretary of the Treasury:
Sir:

The deficiencies estimated for are due to the large increase of the coinage during the current fiscal year.

The official returns from the Mints at Philadelphia and San Francisco, and Assay Office, New York, for the six months ending December 31st 1873, show the following increase of business over a corresponding period of 1872.

Increase in bullion operated upon	$35,357,000
Increase in Coinage executed	22,871,142
Increase in bars manufactured	11,275,460

Percentage of increase in Gold operated upon	160 p.c.
" " " " Silver " "	60 "

Percentage of increase in Gold coinage	173 p.c.
" " " " Silver "	87 "

Percentage of increase in Gold bars manufactured	118 p.c.
" " " " Silver " "	33 "

At the Mint in Carson City, while there has been a decrease in the amount of bullion melted and assayed, there has been an increase in the coinage (mostly silver) of 44,663 pieces, value $78,509 – fine bars $260,995, and in the amount of bullion parted.

The charges under the Coinage Act of 1873, for coinage, refining, parting and bar making – gain on silver and minor coinage – manufacture of medals – sales of by products and old materials, are payable into the Treasury of the United States, and not available for wages of workmen, purchase of materials or other incidental expenses.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman – Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. Feby 5th. 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.
Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of February, 1874, has been approved for the sum of $8,650.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries, 1874.	$1,650.00
Wages of Workmen, 1874	7,000.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. Feby 6th. 1874
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.
Sir:

I have your letter of the 5th inst. enclosing reports from Mr. Mason, Melter and Refiner, and Mr. Torrey, Assayer, on the subject of my letter of the 21st. ult.

I understand perfectly the point which the Melter and Refiner in his reply refers to as requiring explanation, and that will receive due attention before we have done with the subject. In the meantime, I desire for my own information that that officer should reply specifically to my request as to the character of the silver bullion operated on, and the mode of refining.

I also desire that the Assayer should state what tests are employed to determine whether the base and refractory metals have been entirely eliminated. He states them to be such as he understands to be in use at the Philadelphia mint.

I should like to have these replies so as to receive them before I leave to attend the annual assay at the Philadelphia Mint, which will be on Tuesday next.

I regard the melting of your bars at the Philadelphia mint, prior to their delivery and charge to the Melter and Refiner, as attended with expense, inconvenience and complications which should be avoided if possible; and it is to bring matters to a condition by which this melting can be obviated in the future that I am endeavoring to learn all the facts bearing upon the subject. The law is very plain; it requires that all bullion intended by the depositor to be converted into coins of the U. S. and silver bullion purchased for coinage, when assayed, parted and refined, and its net value certified, shall be transmitted to the Mint at Philadelphia, and there coined.

In view of the difficulties which have arisen, it is necessary to examine the matter in all its bearings, and to ascertain beyond reasonable question that the bullion before it leaves your office has been "refined" according to the meaning of that word in mint terms.

I have said this much by way of explanation in requiring further information ~~in requiring further information~~ from your officers, who will, no doubt, properly respond to the same when they understand what is required of them.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Geo. B. Hanna Esq. February 4th 1874.
Melter, U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte N.C.

Sir: As requested in your letter of the 4th instant, I enclose herewith blank form for Official Bond.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. February 6th 1874.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office.
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3rd inst. in relation to the shipment of the sweeps on hand at your institution, has been received.

The facilities of the smelting establishments in New York being better than those of the Philadelphia Mint for working the sweeps described, you will please ship them to that city, consigned to Thomas C. Acton, Supt. U. S. Assay Office, (forwarding duplicate bills of lading to this Office) who will be instructed as to the manner of disposing of them. The old crucibles and iron tinkers having no value will not be included in the sweeps.

The drain or sewer that you refer to as having been discovered since the visit of Col. Wheeler should be opened and its contents placed with the sweeps, but as the expense would have to be borne by the Contingent appropriation of your office I will thank you for an estimate of the cost of the work, that we may keep a sufficient amount to the credit of the appropriation to meet the incidental expenses of your office for the remainder of the fiscal year.

If the sweeps contained in the sewer are of sufficient value, you may delay the shipment of those already on hand until the ditch is opened that they may be all shipped at once.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock February 6th 1874.
Supt. Mint. U. S. Philada
Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 26th ult. in reference to the manner in which the Treasurer of the United States should be reimbursed for advances made by him on your certificate for minor coins sent to the mint for redemption, you are informed that the Treasurer claims a balance due from you on this account of $115,930, and which you claim to have discharged by the payment of the amount into the Treasury of the United States as profits on minor coinage. Your error has been occasioned by not drawing the proper distinction between the *Treasurer* of the United States and the *Treasury* of the United States.

The amount paid by the Treasurer for minor coins redeemed, was out of moneys with which he had been previously charged on the books of the Treasury, and when you deposited the amount with the assistant Treasurer of the United States at Philadelphia to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S. as "Profits on minor coinage", the amount was covered into the Treasury, and the Treasurer debited on the books thereof, with the same as a *new receipt* into the Treasury of the U. S.

In other words, and to make the case plainer. *A.* paid for the minor coins redeemed, and instead of returning to A. the amount he had paid out, and which he was entitled to receive back, you paid it to *B.* who was only entitled to receive *the profits* accruing from the transaction. Consequently *A.* is short in his cash account.

You must return to the Treasurer of the U. S. the amount he has paid out upon your certificate for minor coins redeemed, and which sum must be returned from the proceeds of such coins & no profits which may accrue from the recent purchase of minor coinage metal under the Act of Feb'y 12/1873, to be used therefor.

The Treasurer can draw his transfer draft upon you for the sum of $25,722.75, and you will receive credit in your minor coinage Redemption a/c for the amount, but your Minor coinage Profit a/c, should not be debited with the $115,930. for the reason that the a/c has heretofore been debited with the sum as profits, and the same covered into the Treasury and passed beyond your control or that of the accounting officers; and the indebtedness of the a/c created by this course, could only be discharged by the future profits on minor coinage.

You will therefore govern yourself in accordance with the letter of this office, under date of the 23d ult.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Morgan & Tryon Feb'y 6th 1874.
#62 Wall st. New York.

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 2d inst. in reference to the tael of China, has been received.

I send you by mail today a copy of the mint report for the fiscal year 1873, and invite your attention to the communication from the U. S. Legation at Peking, page 104, by which you will see that the unit of the money of account of China is the tael. It was therefore properly included in the statement of foreign monetary units.

The valuation given the tael of China does not apply to that of Shanghai, which is of less weight, fineness and value, and is the basis on which exchange with eastern nations appears to be conducted.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

S. B. Ruggles, Esq. February 6th 1874.

Union Sqr. N.Y.

My dear Ruggles:

I have your very kind letter of yesterday, and hasten to reply in order that you may hear tomorrow evening as requested.

First, I must frankly say that the pressure of official duties necessary to be promptly discharged have prevented me from giving any recent attention to the subject of international coinage.

I can only say at this time that I think it possible that the gold coinage systems of the United States of America, Great Britain and the Latin States—and which would bring in all of South America might be brought into harmony without entailing any serious inconveniences upon the people of either of the countries referred to.

I cannot now go into details, but will endeavor in the course of the next few weeks to give the subject attention, after which I will communicate with you again.

We have a very intelligent coinage Committee, and a sub-committee has been appointed to consider the question of the unification of coinages. They will no doubt soon invite gentlemen who have given special attention to the subject, to give them the benefit of their views.

I am Sir, very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock, February 6th 1874.
Supt. Mint. U. S. Philada.
Sir:

I will thank you to send as soon as possible the statement of the Coiner's workings and losses from date of last settlement, asked for in communication from this Office under date of Nov. 7th 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock, Feby 6th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.
Sir:

I will thank you to cause an examination to be made of the piece of ore mailed to you this date, and to report the result.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jacob F. L. Schirmer, Esq. Feby 6th 1874.
Assayer, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.
Sir:

I have to inform you that your Official Bond as Assayer of the U. S. Mint at Denver was approved by the Director of the Mint and the Secretary of the Treasury on September, 30th 1873, and transmitted to the 1st Comptroller for file in that Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Rodney Curtis Esq. February 6th 1874.
Chief Clerk in charge U. S. Mint.
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have to request that you will forward to this office without delay the Official Bonds of Clerks and employés now on file at your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange Esq. Feby 6th 1874.
Superintendent &c.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Having subscribed for a copy of the "Daily Alta Californian" it will be unnecessary for you to forward the official copy received at your institution (as you have so kindly done for sometime past,) to this office any longer.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange Esq. Feby 7th 1874
Supt. U. S. Mint. San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to inform you that there has been charged against the Appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint 1874, the sum of $110.50 on account of scales turned over to you by the Asst. Treasurer of the U. S. at San Francisco.

You will please see that the proper entry is made upon your books.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman – Director.

Hon. John Jay Knox   Feby 7th 1874.
Ex Officio, Assay Commissioner
Sir:

I beg to call your attention to the annual assay of the coinage which will commence on Wednesday next, the 11th inst. at the Mint in Philadelphia under the provisions of the coinage act of 1873, and which I hope you will be able to attend.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
H. G. Torrey, Esq.
U. S. Assay office
New York.

J. D. Hetrich, Esq.   Feby 7th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.
Sir:

I have to inform you that your Requisition for funds to cover allowance made to Mr. G. W. Bryant for the months of April, May, and June, 1873, has been approved for the sum of $585.00 from the following appropriation, viz:

Wages of Workmen, 1873 - $585.00.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram

Hon. James Pollock   Feby 7th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.
Reserve New York silver in vault in weigh room until further advised. Private.
H. R. Linderman - Director.

Hon. John Cadwalader Feby 7th. 1874.

Chairman, Assay Commission

Sir:

Referring to the "Rules for the organization and government of the Assay Commissioners," I respectfully invite your attention to the fact that the 32d. section of the coinage Act of 1873, makes a change in the allowed variation from standard in the gold and silver ingots, the allowance on the former being reduced from .002 to .001, and the silver increased from .002 to .003.

I would also state that a change in the offices of the Melter and Refiner and Coiner of the Mint at San Francisco, and of the Superintendent, Melter and Refiner, Coiner and Assayer of the Mint at Carson City, was made on the 1st. day of July 1873, and that under the provisions of section 65 of the Coinage Act of 1873, the Office of Treasurer of the Mint was abolished on the 1st. day of April 1873; the duties formerly performed by that Officer devolving upon the Superintendent.

The coinage of the Mints at San Francisco and Carson, will therefore have to be divided into three periods viz:

From January 1st. to March 31st. inclusive
" Apl. 1st. to June 30th. "
" July 1st. to Dec. 31st. "

The reserved coinage of the Philada. Mint will be divided into two periods as follows.

From Jany 1st. to March 31st. inclusive.
" April 1st. to Dec. 31st. "

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. Feby. 9th. 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

The name of Daniel Sheridan, workman, in the Melter and Refiner's department at a compensation of $5.50 per diem appears upon the Official Register of this Office, but not upon your pay rolls for some months past.

Will you please inform me whether this person is still in your employ, and if not, the date of his removal.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. February 9th. 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Ordinary Expense a/c of your institution for the month of January, 1874, and to inform you that the same has been referred, to the 1st. Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson Feby 7th. 1874.
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

There is now in the mint at Carson City, Nev. the sum of one hundred and thirty-six thousand, one hundred and ten and 81/100 ($136,110.81) Dollars arising from charges for Coining, Parting and refining gold and silver bullion, and Profits on Silver Purchases, which sum should as required by law be covered into the Treasury. The sum consists of

Gold	$35,458.83
Silver	100,651.98
	$136,110.81

The above amount should be deposited under the following heads:

Coinage charge	$62,523.79
Parting and Refining	36,996.00
Profits on Silver Purchases	36,591.02

I think it advisable to have the Superintendent of the Carson Mint ship say, $35,000.– of subsidiary silver coins, to the Asst. Treasurer at New York, the cost of transportation to be paid out of the Profits on Silver purchases.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. Feby 7th. 1874.
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte. N.C.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of February, 1874, has been approved for the sum of $400.00 from the following Appropriations, viz:

Salaries, 1874.	$225.00
Wages of Workmen, 1874	50.00
Contingent Expenses, 1874	125.00

In forwarding your Requisitions in future you will please enclose a letter of transmittal, explaining any amount asked for in excess of your usual monthly remittances.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

Frank D. Hetrich, Esq. February 9th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint for the month of Feb'y 1874, has been approved for the sum of $15,590.88 from the following Appropriations, viz:

Salaries, 1874	$1.500.00
Wages of Workmen, 1874	7.500.00
Contingent Expenses, 1874,	6,590.88

You had probably not received the letter from this office of the 28th ult. informing you that the sum of $229.50 for scales furnished by Troemner & Co. had been charged against your Contingent Appropriation, when your Requisition was forwarded.

This reduced your Contingent fund to $6,590.88 the amount allowed you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. M. Eckfeldt, Esq. Feb'y 9th 1874
Supt. Construction of New Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt this day of your Reports for the months of November and December, 1873, and to inform you that they have been referred to the Supervising Architect of the Treasury for examination.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon February 9th 1874.
1st Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith for settlement the Ordinary Expense accounts of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia and U.S. Assay Office at New York, for the month of January, 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock Feby 9th 1874
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Ordinary Expense a/c of your institution for the month of January 1874, and to inform you that the same has been referred to the 1st Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas Russell, Esq Feby 9th 1874.
Collector of Customs
Boston. Mass.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 4th instant, I have forwarded to your address per this days mail twenty five copies of Circular No. 6. from this Bureau, exhibiting the values of foreign coins in United States money of account.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

F. M. Rees, Esq. February 10th/1874.
Clerk to Committee on Finance
U. S. Senate.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday, requesting to be furnished with the latest estimated amount of coin and bullion in France and Germany respectively, I have to state that in consequence of the transfer from France to Germany of nearly all the gold coin and five franc pieces in the payment of the indemnity due the latter and the recent change from the silver to the gold standard by the German Empire, the Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, and various changes in the monetary laws of those countries in consequence thereof, it is difficult to furnish any reliable data in relation to the question you have presented.

The following extract from a letter addressed to me under date of July 1, 1873, by Baron Eugene Northumb, Secretary of the Belgian Legation at Berlin, one of the most intelligent and reliable writers of the present day on monetary subjects, gives interesting information as to the money of Germany:

"The German Treasury contains a sum of 120 millions of gold marks which are always in reserve in case of war, when it happens that it is necessary to place in the field within a few days hundreds of thousands of men and there is no time to await or effect the operations of a loan.

As for the remainder of the gold coins manufactured, a great portion is deposited with the Bank of Prussia, which has raised in the same proportion its issue in bank notes, It is estimated that the monetary circulation of Germany has been increased since the war by 35 millions of thalers in gold coins, 30 to 40 millions of thalers in silver constituting the old war fund, 100 to 110 millions of new bank notes, in all about 175 millions of thalers or nearly 25% of the total circulation of Germany, it is claimed that it is partly to this enormous increase of currency (gold) that is due the great advance in all prices, while in reality it is only a reduction in the value of money. The government has been extensively criticised because it has not withdrawn the silver from circulation at the time of and in proportion to the issue of gold coins. Capitalists, who always speculate with money they do not own are not of this opinion, they complain to the government in a contrary sense."

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The value of the mark is .23,82 in U. S. money of account, and of the thaler, say 72 cents. Prior to 1870 the standard money of the states constituting the German Empire was silver and the amount of silver coins estimated at about $350,000,000 expressed in U. S. money. To this it would be safe to add $200,000,000 of gold coin.

The "London Economist" of 20th September last contains a statement of the condition of the Bank of France, the only institution which is allowed to issue Bank notes. The item "notes in circulation" is given at 2,887,759,720 francs, or, taking for convenience five francs to the Dollar, $577,551,944. Of the amount of gold coin and five franc pieces remaining in France it is impossible to give even an approximate estimate. We do know, however, that the coinage of the subsidiary silver, the one and two franc pieces, has been very large during the last three years, and the depreciation on the paper money not having reached a point sufficient to expel this subsidiary coin, it is safe to assume that the same with inconsiderable exceptions still remains in France.

I think $200,000,000 - as expressed in our money would be a fair estimate of the subsidiary silver coin in France. I may further state that the amount of the German gold coinage since 1870 is about $300,000,000 -

While upon the subject I take the liberty of sending you an extract from the letter of Baron Northumb, before referred to, on the subject of the annual production of the globe in precious metals, as follows: + + + — —

+ "As to the annual production of the globe in precious metals it will be difficult for me to give you authentic information; the best is to be found in the English "Economist." The "French Official Journal" of October 22, 1872, has published an article by M. E. Roswag, of which I will send you an abstract without being able to answer for the correctness of the information it contains.

The total of the production in silver amounted for the years 1857 - 71 to 3867 millions of francs. In gold it amounted for the same period to:

1st. California	2.241,150
2nd. Australia	4,491,275
3rd. Russia	1,239,750
4th. America (without 1st)	693.000
5th. Europe (without 3rd)	101,500
6th. Asia	784.000
7th. Africa	168,000
In all -	9,718,675 or

about 9 3/4 thousands of millions.

The annual increase of the two precious metals will then be nearly a billion of francs.

The total stock of precious metals would amount at the beginning of the year 1872, for civilized countries:

in gold, to 30,149 millions
in silver, to 35,847 "
total 65,996 millions of francs.

I enclose herewith a statement of the coinage at the French Mint for the years 1871 and 1872.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

John W. Eckfeldt, Esq. Feby 10th 1874.
Supt. Construction &c.
U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I spoke to the Supervising Architect this morning respecting the window shutters for the new Mint, and urged that they may be forwarded at the earliest practicable moment, (the contractor being present), - and was informed that they were being forwarded at the rate of nine shutters per week, and that the shipment of the entire number would be completed within thirty days.

In the meantime instructions have been sent to the Superintendent of the building to close the windows temporarily in order that the coining machinery may be properly protected.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. Feby 10th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

Referring to so much of your letter of the 9th inst. as requests copies of the law authorizing coinage for Foreign Governments, I have to state that the law is now in the hands of the printer and when received from him a supply will be sent you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Rodney Curtis, Esq. February 10th 1874.
Chief Clerk in charge U. S. Mint.
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your mint for the month of February, 1874 has been approved for the sum of $2,014.80 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries, 1874. — — — — — —	$838.80
Wages of Workmen, 1874. — — — — —	1,176.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Hamilton Fish. Feby 10th 1874.
Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant and enclosures from the Consul General at Montreal, in reference to the currency of the Dominion of Canada.

Very respectfully
Wm. A. Richardson. Secretary of the Treasury

Hon. J. A. Garfield February 10th 1874.
Chairman Committee on Appns.
House of Representatives.

Sir:

The time afforded me yesterday to explain the mint estimates was hardly sufficient for me to give the information necessary to enable the Committee to fully understand the subject. I thereby beg to state as follows:

The papers placed in your hands show a very large addition to the ordinary operations of the Mints and Assay offices, and the indications being that these operations will continue on a large scale for some time to come, I am of the opinion that the estimates cannot safely be reduced.

We shall undoubtedly be called upon to coin a large amount of Trade Dollars; and coinages of silver for other countries, under the recent Act of Congress, will also be required.

The item of $1000. for specimen ores and coins may be reduced to $350 - striking out the word "ores".

The item for Examiner should not be stricken out.

Periodical examinations of the Mints and Assay offices by a person familiar with Mint and Bullion operations, to see that the instructions of the Director are strictly observed, are, in my opinion, essential to the safety and efficiency of the Mint service.

As to the reduction in the rate of compensation, it should be cautiously undertaken. A small per centage reduction on all employés receiving over three dollars per diem, would, perhaps, be the best plan to carry out the views of the Committee.

I make this suggestion in deference to what I understood to be the conclusion of the Committee.

As bearing on the probable large increase in the coinage of the trade dollar, I enclose a copy of a communication received this morning from one of the principal bullion dealers in New York, and request that the information contained be used only by the Committee.

Very respectfully
Your obdt servt.
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. M. H. Carpenter Feby 10th 1874.
President of the Senate, protem.
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a Resolution of the Senate requesting information, as to the "time which will be required after the resumption of specie payments for the mints to manufacture the amount of subsidiary silver coins which will be requisite to replace the fractional paper currency;" and to state that the capacity of the mints for the coinage of subsidiary silver coin, in addition to the gold, trade dollar, and minor coinage, is equal to about 10 millions per annum; and that if we assume the amount of fractional currency which will probably be in circulation to be from 40 to 50 millions of dollars, about four years would be required for the purpose indicated by the Resolution of the Senate, should provision be made for the substitution of subsidiary silver coin for fractional currency.

Very respectfully
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.

Henry Troemner, Esq. February 11th 1874.
#710 - Market St.
Philadelphia. Pa

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bill for one set Standard Troy weights furnished the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N.C. amounting to $177.50, and to inform you that the same has been referred to the 1st Auditor for settlement.

In forwarding bills in the future you will please send a letter of transmittal.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the - Director.

Calvin J. Cowles. Esq. February, 11th 1874.
Assayer. U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the sum of $177.50 has been charged against the Contingent Appropriation of your institution, 1874, on account of one set of Standard Troy weights, and boxing of the same, shipped to your address as per enclosed B/L.

You will please cause the proper entry to be made on the books of your office.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the - Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. February 11th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the Expenses of your Mint for the month of February 1874 has been approved for the sum of $27,166.66 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries, 1874	$2,166.66
Wages of Workmen, 1874	20,000.00
Contingent Expenses, 1874	5,000.00

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Hon. James Pollock Feby 11th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, enclosing C/D #305 for $297,966.00 gold coin, proceeds of the recoinage of $300,000.00 light gold coin from the U. S. Asst. Treasurer at New Orleans, also Mint Memorandum, and to inform you that the enclosures have been forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director

Hon. T. F. Bayard, U. S. S. Feby 12th 1874.
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst, and enclosed copy of Senate Bill #442.

The matter will be brought to the attention of the Director upon his return to the city, on Saturday or Monday next.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes.

Albert Wolters Esqr. Feby 12th 1874.
Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expense of your institution for the month of February, 1874, has been approved for the sum of $700.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries, 1874,	$450.00
Wages of Workmen, 1874.	250.00

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes.
For the Director.

Albert Wolters, Esqr. Feby 13th 1874.
Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Ordinary Expense a/c of your institution for the month of January 1874, and to inform you that the same has been referred to the 1st Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

O. H. La Grange Esq. February 13d/1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of L. H. Post, Adjuster in your mint, omitted from your letter of the 3d inst.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

O. H. La Grange Esq. February 13d/1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3d instant, enclosing the official oaths of the following employes of your Mint, viz:

B. F. Strakes, Helper in M & R's Dept.
Mary Harvey, Adjuster.
Ida J. Chapin, do.
Lizzie H. Curtis, do.

The nomination of C. A. Buckbee, as Record Clerk at $6.50 per diem, will be acted upon on the Director's return.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon Feby 13d 1874.
1st Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for settlement the Ordinary Expense Accounts of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. and U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for the month of January, 1874.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. February 13th/1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Official oath of Carmille L. Degé, Watchman in your institution.

You will please forward the oath of Mary Haley, Scrubber, whose appointment was approved at the same time.

Very respectfully

H. C. Johannes

For the - Director.

Hon. James Pollock. Feby 13th/1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

I have to inform you that this office is in receipt of a communication from the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, to the effect that he has forwarded to your address the following special assay Coins reserved during the month of January 1874, viz:

	Gold Coins.	
Double Eagles -	1 piece -	Value — $20.00
	Silver Coins.	
Trade Dollars -	1 piece -	Value — $1.00
Total -	2 pieces -	Value — $21.00

Very respectfully

H. C. Johannes

For the - Director.

Rodney Curtis, Esq. Feby 13th/1874.
Chief Clerk in charge, U. S. Mint.
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Ordinary Expense Account of your institution for the month of January, 1874, and to inform you that the same has been referred to the 1st. Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. Feby 14th/1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Ordinary Expense a/c of your institution for the month of January, 1874, and to inform you that the same has been referred to the 1st. Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Telegram.

O. H. La Grange Feby 16th/1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco. Cal.

Purchase two tons of copper from lot recently sent to Carson Mint, and especially intended for alloy for coinage.

H. R. Linderman
Director

Telegram. F. D. Hetrich February 16th/1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Carson City, Nevada.

In complying with Secretary's instructions of tenth instant send amount in dimes and half dollars if possible.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Mrs. Mary E. Stewart February 16th 1874.

#1904 Carlton St. Philadelphia, Pa.

Madam;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. in which you make application for a position in the Mint at Philadelphia.

As you are doubtless aware, the appointment of these employe's rests mainly with the Superintendent, and the force at present employed is sufficiently large.

I regret therefore to inform you that I am unable to afford you any assistance in the matter.

I am with great respect

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Thomas Hillhouse, Esq. Feby 16th 1874.

Asst. Treasurer, U. S.

New York.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish me with a statement of the amount of 5 ¢ nickel coins redeemed per week or month at your office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.
Feby 16th/1874.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward one bronze copy of the Robinson medal - which being for public use no charge will be made.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

The medal is to be sent to France on the application of the U. S. Minister for some person about to publish a work on medals of America. H. R. L.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.
Feby 16th/1874.

Sir:

Will you please inform me of the amounts respectively of trade dollars and dimes which you can probably furnish weekly to the N. York Assay Office - meeting at the same time the other coinage required.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Superintendent &c. New York.
Feby 16th/1874.

Sir:

I enclose herewith ten copies of "an act authorizing coinage to be executed at the mints of the United States for foreign countries" approved January 29th 1874 - as requested by you some days since.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

Hon. William A. Richardson } February 16th/1874.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that the Assay Commission which met at the Mint in Philadela on the 11th inst. - to examine and test the coins reserved by the several mints for that purpose, during the year 1873, concluded its labors on Friday last, by the adoption of the following Resolution:

"Resolved. That the Assay Commission have "examined and tested the reserved coins of the several mints for the year 1873, and it appearing that "these coins do not differ from the standard fineness and weight, by a greater deviation than is "allowed by law, the trial is considered and reported as satisfactory".

The Coinage Act of 1873, fixed the variation from the standard fineness of the Gold coins at one thousandth (.001) of an ounce; the variation or remedy under former laws having been two thousandths (.002).

This latter tolerance as it is termed corresponds with all other countries, except Russia, which like our country has fixed the variation at one thousandth (.001)

The test made shows that our gold coinage conforms very closely to the standard fineness; the deviation being scarcely appreciable, and far within the reduced limit, and is an evidence of the skill and faithfulness with which the coinage operations of the last year have been conducted.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State.

February 16th 1874.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith copies of "an act authorizing coinage to be executed at the Mints of the United States for foreign countries", approved January 29th 1874. – for any country applying for the same, and to request that two copies of the law be transmitted to the representatives of the United States in the following named countries, viz:

Gautemala
Honduras
San Salvador
Nicaragua
Costa Rica
Bolivia
Argentine Republic
Uruguay

United States of Columbia
Venezuela
Ecuador
Peru
Brazil
Chile
Hawaiian Islands.

And that they be instructed to furnish one of the copies of the law to the country to which they are accredited.

I am Sir, very respectfully
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary.

O. H. La Grange Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Feby 16th 1874.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of C. A. Buckbee, Record Clerk in your institution.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Thos. F. Bayard. February 16th 1874.
Finance Committee.
U. S. Senate.

Dear Sir:

I have carefully examined Senate Bill #442, authorizing the issue of Certificates for the value of Gold Bullion deposited at the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States.

The object of the Bill is to put all the mints and Assay Offices on an equality as to a Bullion Fund, and the payment therefrom of the net value of Gold bullion deposits.

Under existing laws a bullion fund is authorized only for the coinage mints and the Assay Office at New York.

The Bill referred to by you authorizes an additional medium of exchange, and the issue thereof at the different Mints, which is objectionable for the reason that a satisfactory system of checks could not be applied to it.

It would be better to use the coin certificates now in circulation than to issue a mint Certificate. This can be readily and safely done, if authority be given to have coin certificates, representing coin in the Treasury, constitute a part of the bullion fund of the Mints and Assay Offices.

I enclose herewith a draft of a bill which I would respectfully recommend to be substituted for Senate Bill #442.

The proposed measure will be of great advantage to the bullion producers, in as much as it will enable them to receive at the interior Assay Offices the net value of their bullion in coin certificates and will prevent the too frequent handling and transfer of coin at the mints located in the commercial cities.

The provision authorizing the keeping in the sub-treasury at New York of fine Gold bars, bearing the U. S. Stamp of fineness, weight and intrinsic value, and bars from melts of foreign coins or bullion of standard equal to or above that of the United States, and the exchange thereof for gold coins at not less than par, is a measure, in my opinion, very urgently called for. Such bars will ordinarily command a premium of 1/2% over coin, and when exchange rises to a point justifying the shipment of coin, they would command a still higher premium, being preferred to coin for shipment.

Our true policy is to make this country as good a market for bullion as the most favored nation, and to keep on hand a reasonable amount of bullion, in the form of bars, by which commercial demands for the same may be met, and the shipment of the standard coin avoided.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. M. Eckfeldt, Esq. Feby 16th 1874.
Supt. of Construction &c. U. S. Mint. San Francisco.
Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 5th inst. I will state that the balances were sent by express instead of by freight in accordance with my instructions. I feared if sent as slow freight at this season of the year they might be detained en route and seriously damaged from dampness and rust.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

Hon. James Pollock — February 16th 1874.
Supt. Mint U. S. Philada.
Sir:

The following extract from the Report of the Assay Commission, which assembled at the Mint in Philadelphia on the 11th inst. for the purpose of testing the coins reserved during the year 1873, is hereby submitted for your information.

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The Committee on Weighing submitted the following Report, which on motion was accepted and adopted.

In conformity with the rules adopted, the Committee on Weighing have subjected the weight of the reserved coins to the following tests.

1st — Weighing of each parcel, an aggregate of one hundred pieces, or the whole parcel, if within that number of pieces; the Committee verifying the weights by the standard Troy pound of the Mint of the U. S.

2nd — Weighing singly a number of pieces selected at random from each parcel, the standard coin weights being used for the comparison.

The Committee have further compared the weights used for receiving bullion, and those used for the delivery of coin by the Coiner to the Superintendent of the Mint and found them correct.

The following are the results of the weighing of the reserved coins.

Weight of arranged Piles.

Mint U. S. Philadelphia.

Date.	Denomination	No. of Pieces	Value $ ¢	Legal Weight oz. dec.	Actual Weight oz. dec.	Deviation oz. dec.
1st Period. From Jany 1st to Mch. 31st 1873	Do. Eagles	100	2000.	107. 50	107. 498	-.002
	Silver Dollars	100	100.	85. 9375	85. 945	+.0075

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2d. Period	Do Eagles	100	2000.	107.50	107.491	-.009
from Apl. 1st. to	Trade Dols.	100	100.	87.50	87.5215	+.0215
Dec. 31st. 1873	do	100	100	87.50	87.5125	+.0125
	Half Dols.	100	50			
	Qr Dols.	160	40	80.375	80.385	+.01
	Dimes	100	10			

Weight of Single Pieces.

Date.	Denomination		Legal Weight	Actual Weight	Deviation Heavy	 Light
			grs	grs	grs	grs.
1st. Period	Do. Eagle		516	516.28	+.28	
Jan. 1st.	"		"	516.05	+.05	
to Mch. 31st. 1873	"		"	515.96		-.04
				515.95½		-.04½
				515.96		-.04
				515.93		-.07
				515.93		-.07
				515.93½		-.06½
				515.94		-.06
				516.01	+.01	
					+.34	-.39 -.05÷10=-.005.
	Eagle		258	258.19	+.19	
	"		"	257.96		-.04
					+.19	-.04 +15÷2=+.075

Weight of Single Pieces. (continued)

Date.	Denomination	Legal Weight	Actual Weight	Deviation Heavy	 Light	
		grs.	grs.	grs.	grs.	
1st. Period	Half Eagle	129	129.01	+.01		
Jany 1st. to	"	"	128.97		-.03	
Mch. 31st. 1873.	"	"	128.98		-.02	
				+.01	-.05	-.04÷3=-.01⅓
	Three Dollar	77.4	77.41	+.01		
	Qr. Eagle	64.5	64.65	+.15		
	"	"	64.46		-.04	
				+.15	-.04	+.11÷2=+.055
	Dollar	25.8	25.78		-.02	

Weight of Single Pieces. (continued.)

Date.	Denomination	Legal Weight	Actual Weight	Deviation Heavy	Deviation Light	
		Grs.	Grs.	Grs.	Grs.	
2d Period	Do. Eagle	516	515.96		-.04	
From	"	"	515.94		-.06	
Apl. 1st to	"	"	515.91		-.09	
Dec. 31st 1873	"	"	515.97		-.03	
	,	"	515.91		-.09	
	"	"	516.06	+.06		
	"	"	515.90		-.10	
	"	"	516	Standard		
	"	"	515.92		-.08	
	"	"	515.92		-.08	
	"	"		+.06	-.57 -	.51÷10=-.051
	Half Eagle	129	128.93		-.07	
	"	"	129.03	+.03		
	"	"	129.	Standard		
	"	"	129.02	+.02		
	"	"	128.97		-.03	
	"	"		+.05	-.10	-.05÷5=-.01

Weight of Single Pieces. (continued)

Date.	Denomination	Legal Weight	Actual Weight	Deviation Heavy	Deviation Light	
		Grs.	Grs.	Grs.	Grs.	
2d Period	Qr. Eagles	64.5	64.52	+.02		
continued	"	"	64.49		-.01	
	"	"	64.44		-.06	
	"	"	64.48		-.02	
	"	"	64.47		-.03	
				+.02	-.12	-10÷5=-.02
	Dollars	25.8	25.8	Standard.		
	"	"	25.77		-.03	
	"	"	25.82	+.02		
	"	"	25.70		-.10	
	"	"	25.77		-.03	
				+.02	-.16	-14÷5=-.028

Weight of Single Coins. (continued)

Date.	Denomination	Legal Weight	Actual Weight	Deviation Heavy	Deviation Light	
		Grs.	Grs.	Grs.	Grs.	
1st. Period	Dollars	412½	412.80	+.30		
Silver	"	"	412.63	+.13		
	"	"	412.49		−.01	
	"	"	412.50	Standard		
			412.77	+.27		
				+.70	−.01	+.69÷5=+.138
	Half Dollars	192	192.09	+.09		
	"	"	191.40		−.60	
	"	"	191.73		−.27	
			191.80		−.20	
			192.50	+.50		
			192.18	+.18		
			192.75	+.75		
			191.40		−.60	
			191.70		−.30	
			191.60		−.40	
				1.52	−.2.37	85÷10=−.085

Weight of Single Pieces. (continued)

Date.	Denomination	Legal Weight	Actual Weight	Deviation Heavy	Deviation Light	
		Grs.	Grs.	Grs.	Grs.	
1st. Period	Qr. Dollars	96	95.87		−.13	
		"	95.57		−.43	
		"	95.82		−.18	
		"	96.02	+.02		
		"	96.07	+.07		
		"	96.03	+.03		
		"	95.92		−.08	
		"	96.33	+.33		
		"	96.06	+.06		
		"	95.47		−.53	
				+.51	−1.35	−.84÷10=−.084
	Dimes	38.4	38.24		−.16	
		"	38.10		−.30	

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		"	38.30		-.10	
		"	38.30		-.10	
		"	38.50	+.10		
				+.10	-.66	-.56÷5=-.112

Weight of Single Pieces (continued)

Date.	Denomination	Legal Weight	Actual Weight	Deviation Heavy	 Light	
		Grs.	Grs.	Grs.	Grs.	
1st Period	Half Dimes	19.2	19.05		-.15	
	"	"	19.34	+.14		
	"	"	19.23	+.03		
				+.17	-.15	+.02÷3=+.006⅔
	Three cents	11.52½	11.80½	+.28		
	"	"	11.79½	+.27		
	"	"	11.66½	+.14		
				+.69		+.69÷3=+.23

Weight of Single Pieces. (continued)

Date.	Denomination	Legal Weight	Actual Weight	Deviation Heavy	 Light	
		Grs.	Grs.	Grs.	Grs.	
2nd Period	Trade Dollar	420	419.94		-.06	
	"	"	420.15	+.15		
	"	"	420.35	+.35		
	"	"	419.77		-.23	
	"	"	420.15	+.15		
	"	"	420.15	+.15		
	"	"	420.01	+.01		
	"	"	420.18	+.18		
	"	"	420.12	+.12		
	"	"	420.58	+.58		
	"	"	420.20	+.20		
	"	"	420.11	+.11		
	"	"	420.09	+.09		
	"	"	419.99		-.01	
	"	"	420.07	+.07		
	"	"	420.26	+.26		
	"	"	420.10	+.10		
	"	"	420.14	+.14		
	"	"	420.24	+.24		
	"	"	420.50	+.50		
				+3.40	-.30	+3.40÷30=+.155.

Weight of Single Pieces. (continued)

Date.	Denomination	Legal Weight	Actual Weight	Deviation Heavy	Light	
				grs.	grs.	
2nd Period	Half Dols	192.9	193.46	+.56		
	"	"	193.26	+.36		
	"	"	191.80		-1.10	
	"	"	192.77		-.13	
	"	"	193.52	+.62		
	"	"	192.		-.90	
	"	"	192.98	+.08		
	"	"	193.04	+.14		
	"	"	192.50		-.40	
	"	"	192.74		-.16	
				+1.76	-2.69	-.93÷10=-.093

Weight of Single Pieces. (continued)

Date.	Denomination	Legal Weight	Actual Weight	Deviations Heavy	Light	
		grs.	grs.	grs.	grs.	
2nd Period	Qr. Dols.	96.45	96.11		-.34	
	"	"	96.79	+.34		
			96.23		-.22	
			95.90		-.55	
			96.49	+.04		
			96.65	+.20		
			95.75		-.70	
			96.41		-.04	
				+.58	-1.85	-1.27÷8=15⅞
	Dimes	38.58	38.56		-.02	
	"	"	38.73	+.15		
	"	"	38.64	+.06		
	"	"	38.41		-.17	
	"	"	38.63	+.05		
				+.26	-.19	+.07÷5=+.014

From the foregoing tables it will appear that the weight of the single pieces is in all cases within the limits of legal tolerance, and in general, very near the standard weight; and that the aggregate weights of the selected piles or parcels confirms the conclusion that the conformity of the coinage to the legal standard of weight is entirely satisfactory.

There is a marked preponderance of pieces slightly heavier than the standard in the reserved Trade Dollars; the excess is far within the tolerance.

(Signed) J. E. Hilgard, - E. B. Elliott, John P. Jones,
H. G. Torrey, A. E. Borie
Committee.

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Result of Assays.
Philadelphia

Golds.			Silver.		
1st. Period	Do Eagle -	900.1	1st. Period.	Qr. Dols.	900.3
	99.97 ozs.	900		100,024 ozs.	900.6
2nd. Period	Do. Eagle	900.1	2nd. Period	Trade Dollars	900
	Half Eagle	899.9		Half. Dols.	899
	Qr. Eagle	900.		Dime	900.3
	99.196 ozs.	899.9		99.999 ozs.	900.8

Table of Lots of Coins melted for Assay showing the loss in melting.

	Weight before melting	Weight after melting		Weight before melting ozs	Weight after melting ozs
Gold	99.97	99.91	Silver	100.024	99.81
	99.996	99.92	"	99.999	99.866
		0.035 grs			0.12 grs.

(Signed) - R. E. Rogers
Andrew Mason
J. W. Merick
R. T. Taylor
John L. Le Conte
Henry Coppée
Committee.

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The following resolution was then offered and adopted.

Resolved. That the Assay Commission have examined and tested the reserved coins of the several mints for the year 1873, and it appearing that these coins do not differ from the standard fineness and weight by a greater deviation than is allowed by law, the trial is considered and reported as satisfactory. + + + + +

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

I certify that the Extract herewith submitted is a correct transcript from the records of the Assay Commission.

M. V. Davis.
Secretary.

Edward H. Dales Esq.
Schuylkill Arsenal
Philadelphia, Pa.

February 16th 1874.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th inst. respecting the appointment of Miss. Ellen Rink, to a position in the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.

As the appointment of employés in that institution rests mainly with the Superintendent I regret my inability to procure for this lady the position desired, & I should add that the number of females employed there is fully up to the requirements of the public service.

I am Sir, very respectfully
(Signed) H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange Esq. February 16th 1874.
Supt. Mint U.S.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following Extract from the Report of the Assay Commission, which met at the Mint in Philada., on the 11th inst. to examine and test the weight and fineness of the coins reserved during the year 1873, is furnished for your information.

The coinage of your Mint was divided into three periods as follows:

From Jany 1st to Mch 31st 1873.
" Apl. 1st " June 30th " "
" July 1st " Dec. 31st " "

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1st. Weighing of each parcel, an aggregate of one hundred pieces, or the whole parcel, if within that number of pieces; the Committee verifying the weights by the standard Troy pound of the Mint of the United States.

2nd. Weighing singly a number of pieces selected at random from each parcel, the standard coin weights being used for the comparison.

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The following are the results of the weighing:

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Weight of arranged Piles.

Date.	Denomination	No. of Pieces	Value $ ¢	Legal weight oz. dec.	Actual weight oz. dec.	Deviation oz. dec.
1st Period	Do. Eagles	54	1080.	58.05	58.054	+.004
From	Dollars	1	1.			
Jan. 1st 1873 to	Half Dols	1	.50	2.579375	2.580	+.001375
Mch. 31. 1873	Dimes	33	1.65			
2nd Period	Do. Eagles	100	2000.	107.50	107.505	+.005
From Apl. 1st 1873	Half Dols.	16	8.			
to June 30. 1873	Qr. Dols.	16	4.	13.66875	13.663	—.00075
	Dimes	50	5			
3rd Period	Do. Eagles	100	2000.	107.50	107.50	Standard
From July 1st 1873	Trade Dols.	100	100.	87.50	87.499	—.001
to Dec. 31st 1873	Half Dols.	50	25.	20.09375	20.083	—.01070

Weight of Single Pieces.

Date	Denomination	Legal Weight Grs.	Actual Weight Grs.	Deviation Heavy	Deviation Light	
1st Period	Do Eagle	516	516.02	+.02		
	"	"	516.01	+.01		
				+.03		+.03÷2=+.015
2nd Period	Do. Eagle	516	516.12	+.12		
	"	"	516.01	+.01		
	"	"	516.14	+.14		
	"	"	516.09	+.09		
	"	"	516.04	+.04		
				+.40		+.40÷5=+.08.
3rd Period	Do Eagle	516	516.20	+.20		
	"	"	516.	Standard		
	"	"	516.09	+.09		
	"	"	516.07	+.07		
	"	"	515.89		—.11	
				+.36	—.11	+.25÷5=+.05

Weight of Single Pieces. (continued)

Date	Denomination	Legal Weight Grs.	Actual Weight Grs.	Deviation		
				Heavy	Light	
3rd. Period	Eagles	258	258.06	+.06		
	"	"	257.99		-.01	
				+.06	-.01	+.05÷2=+.025
	Half Eagles	129	128.92		-.08	
	"	"	129.13	+.13		
	"	"	129.08	+.08		
	"	"	129.05	+.05		
	"	"	129.04	+.04		
				+.30	-.08	+.22÷5=+.044
	Qr. Eagles	64.5	64.5			
	"	"	64.54	+.04		
	"	"	64.54	+.04		
	"	"	64.55	+.05		
				+.13		+.13÷4=+.03¼
1st. Period	Half Dimes	19.2	18.82		-.38	
Silver	"	"	19.18		-.02	
	"	"	19.08		-.12	
	"	"	19.50	+.30		
	"	"	19.47		-.27	
				+.30	-.79	-.49÷5=-.098
2nd. Period	Half Dols	192.9	192.50		-.40	
	"	"	193.05	+.15		
	"	"	193.53	+.63		
	"	"	194.03		-1.13	
				+.78	-1.53	-.75÷4=-.1875
	Qr. Dols.	96.45	96.63	+.18		
	"	"	96.20		-.25	
	"	"	96.17		-.28	
	"	"	96.20		-.25	
				+.18	-.78	-.60÷4=-.15

Weight of Single Pieces. (continued)

Date	Denomination	Legal Weight Grs.	Actual Weight Grs.	Deviation Heavy	Deviation Light	
2nd Period	Dimes	38.58	38.70	+.12		
	"	"	38.24		-.34	
			38.76	+.18		
				+.30	-.34	-.04÷3 = -.01⅓
3rd Period	Trade Dols.	420	419.65		-.35	
	"	"	420.06	+.06		
	"	"	420.08	+.08		
	"	"	419.90		-.10	
	"	"	419.92		-.08	
	"	"	420.07	+.07		
	"	"	420.09	+.09		
	"	"	419.92		-.08	
	"	"	420.16	+.16		
	"	"	420.05	+.05		
	"	"	420.01	+.01		
	"	"	420.22	+.22		
	"	"	420.04	+.04		
	"	"	420.03	+.03		
	"	"	420.11	+.11		
	"	"	420.13	+.13		
	"	"	419.79		-.21	
	"	"	419.94		-.06	
	"	"	419.81		-.19	
	"	"	419.92		-.08	
				+1.05	-1.15	-10 ÷ 20 = -.005

Weight of Single Pieces. (continued)

Date	Denomination	Legal Weight grs.	Actual Weight grs.	Deviation Heavy	Light	
3rd Period	Half Dols.	192.9	192.25		-.65	
	"	"	193.48	+.58		
	"	"	192.65		-.25	
	"	"	193.44	+.54		
	"	"	193.16	+.26		
				+1.38	-.90	+.48÷5=+.096
	Qr. Dols.	96.45	96.27		-.18	
	"	"	96.55	+.10		
	"	"	96.66	+.21		
	"	"	96.83	+.38		
				+.69	-.18	+.51÷4=+.1275
	Dimes.	38.58	38.15		-.43	

From the foregoing tables it will appear that the weight of the single pieces is in all cases within the limits of legal tolerance, and in general very near the standard; and that the aggregate weights of the selected piles or parcels confirms the conclusion that the conformity of the coinage to the legal standard of weight is entirely satisfactory.

(Signed) J. E. Hilgard
E. B. Elliott
Jno. P. Jones
Herbert Gray Torrey
A. E. Borie,
Committee.

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Results of Assays.

	Gold		Silver	
1st Period	Do Eagle	899.8	Half Dollar	900
	54.83 ozs	900.	Not enough to melt	
2d Period	Do Eagle	899.9	Qr. Dolr	900.8
	99.98 ozs.	900	9.16 ozs.	900.8
3d Period	Eagle	900.	Trade Dollar	900
	Half Eagle	900.2	Dime	900.8
	99.975 ozs.	900.1	100.002 ozs.	900.6

Table of Lots of coin melted for assay showing the loss in melting.

	Weight before melting	Weight after melting		Weight before melting	Weight after melting
Gold. 1st Period	54.83	54.746	Silver	—	—
2d Period	99.98	99.893		9.16	9.14
3d Period	99.975	99.92		100.002	99.87
		0.095 gr			

(Signed) R. E. Rodgers. Andrew Mason, J. M. Merrick
J. L. LeConte. R. T. Taylor. Henry Coppée
Committee.

The following resolution was then offered and adopted:

Resolved - That the Assay Commission have examined and tested the reserved coins of the several mints for the year 1873, and it appearing that these coins do not differ from the standard fineness and weight by a greater deviation than is allowed by law, the trial is considered and reported satisfactory.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

I certify that the extract herewith submitted is a correct transcript from the record of the Assay Commission.

M. V. Davis
Secretary.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq. February 17th 1874.

Supt. Mint U.S.

Carson City.

Sir:

The following extract from the report of the Assay Commission which met at the Mint in Philadelphia on the 11th inst. to examine and test the weight and fineness of the coins reserved during the year 1873, is furnished for your information.

The coinage of your mint was divided into three periods as follows:

From Jany 1st to Mch. 31st 1873.
" April 1st to June 30th "
" July 1st to Dec. 31st "

The Committee on weighing submitted the following Report which on motion was accepted and adopted.

In conformity with the rules adopted, the Committee on weighing have subjected the weight of the reserved coins to the following tests.

1st. Weighing of each parcel, an aggregate of one hundred pieces, or the whole parcel, if within that number of pieces; the committee verifying the weights by the standard Troy pound of the mint of the U. S.

2nd. Weighing singly a number of pieces selected at random from each parcel, the standard coin weights being used for the comparison.

The following are the results of the weighing:

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Weight of arranged Piles.

Date	Denomination	No. of Pieces	Value. $	¢	Legal Weight oz. dec.	Actual Weight oz. dec.	Deviation oz. dec.
1st Period	Double Eagles	2	40		2.15	2.1498	-.0002
From	Dollars	2	2				
Jany 1st 1873	Half Dols	50	25		22.51875	22.515	-.00375
to Mch. 31st 1873	Qr. Dols	200	50				
	Dimes	500	50				
2nd Period	Double Eagles	4	90.		4.8375	4.8371	-.0004
From	Eagles 1	1.					
April 1.1873	Half Dols	48	24				
to June 30th 1873	Qr. Dols	2		.50	19.933	19.917	-.016
	Dimes	3		.30			
3rd Period	Double Eagles	20	400				
From	Eagles	7	70		28.21875	28.217	-1.00175
July 1st 1873	Half Eagles	11	55				
to Dec. 31st 1873	Trade Dols	67	67				
	Half Dols.	50	25.		80.1610625	80.2910	+.1299375
	Qr. Dols.	3		.75			
	Dimes	12		1.20			
	Trade dols	67	67		58.50	58.620	+.12

Weight of Single Pieces.

Date	Denomination	Legal Weight grs.	Actual Weight grs.	Deviation Heavy	Deviation Light	
1st Period	Double Eagles	516	515.72		-.28	
Jan. to March 1873.	"	"	516.19	+.19		
				+.19	-.28	-.09÷2=.045
2nd Period	Do. Eagles	516	516.28	+.28		
April to	"	"	515.93		-.07	
June, 1873.	"	"	515.81		-.19	
	"	"	515.94		-.06	
				+.28	-.32	-04÷4=-.01
	Eagle	258	257.93		-.07	÷1= -.07
3rd Period	Eagle	258	258	Standard		
July to						
Dec. 1873	Half Eagle	129	129	Standard		

Weight of Single Pieces. continued

Date.	Denomination	Legal Weight grs.	Actual Weight grs.	Deviation Heavy	Deviation Light.	
1st Period	Dollars	412.5	413.44	+.94		
Silver	"	"	412.52	+.02		
Jan. to March 1873				+.96	÷2 =	+.48
	Half Dols	192	191.95		-.05	
		192	192.60	+.61.		
				+.60	-.05+	55÷2 =+.275
	Qr. Dollar	96	96			
	Dime	38.4	38.05		-.35	÷1 = .-35
2nd Period	Half Dollar	192.9.	192.74		-.16	
April to June	"	"	192.82		-.08	
	"	"	192.79		-.11	
	"	"	192.61		-.29	
	"	"	192.85		-.05	
	"	"	192.32		-.58	
	"	"	192.06		-.84	
	"	"	191.95		-.95	
	"	"	192.84		-.06	
	"	"	193.50	+.60		
				+.60	-3,12	-252÷10=-.252
3rd Period	Trade Dollar	429	419.40		-.60	
	"	"	420.07	+.09		
	"	"	420.32	+.32		
	"	"	419.98		-.02	
	"	"	420.29	+.29		
	"	"	420.75	+.75		
	"	"	420.99	+.99		
	"	"	418.78		-1.22	
	"	"	419.84		-.16	
	"	"	419.71		-.29	
				+2.42	-2.29	+13÷10=+.013

Weight of Single Pieces. continued.

Date	Denomination	Legal Weight grs.	Actual Weight grs.	Deviation Heavy	Deviation Light	
3rd Period July to Dec. 1873.	Half Dollars	192.9	192.61		–.29	
	"	"	194.18	+1.28		
	"	"	191.98		–.92	
	"	"	193.22	+.32		
				+1.60	–1.21	+.39÷4=+0975
	Qr. Dollar	96.45	96.89	+.44	÷ 1 =	+.44
	Dime	38.58	38.27		–31	

From the result of the foregoing tables it will appear that the weight of the single pieces is in all cases within the limits of legal tolerance and in general very near the standard; and that the aggregate weights of the selected piles or parcels confirms the conclusion that the conformity of the coinage to the legal standard of weight is entirely satisfactory.

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(Signed) J. E. Hilgard
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Committee.

Result of Assay.

1st Period	Do Eagle	900.	Half Dollar	900.5
2nd Period	Eagle	900.	17.83 ozs.	900.8
3rd Period	Do Eagle	900.2	Qr. Dollar	900.3
	Half Eagle	899.9	14.14 ozs.	899.7
	26.07 ozs.	899.8	Trade Dollar	900.
			Half Dollar	900.6
			63.50 ozs.	900.2

Table of Lots of Coin melted for Assay showing the Loss in Melting.

	Weight before Melting. ozs.	Weight after melting ozs.		Weight before Melting. ozs.	Weight after Melting. ozs.
1st Period. Gold.	——	——	Silver.	17.83	17.69
2nd Period	——	——		14.14	14.21
3rd Period	26.07	26.022		63.50	63.393
		0.015 gr			0.07 grs.

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The following resolution was then offered and adopted: Resolved. That the Assay Commission has examined and tested the reserved coins of the several mints for the year 1873, and it appearing that these coins do not differ from the standard fineness and weight by a greater deviation than is allowed by law the trial is considered and reported as satisfactory.

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I desire in submitting the above extract to call your attention to the preponderance of heavy pieces in the Trade Dollars, and to request that in the future, particular care be taken in the adjustment of the coin referred to, in order to insure a more uniform correspondence to standard.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

I certify that the foregoing extract is a true transcript from the records of the Assay Commission.

M. V. Davis.
Secretary.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq. Feby 17th 1874.
Supt. Mint. U.S.
Carson City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your informal letter of the 4th inst. enclosing a communication from the Assayer of the San Francisco Mint, in which that officer states that some of your bars were found to differ slightly in fineness.

Some singular and thus far unexplained anomolies having frequently occurred in melting and assaying at the Philadelphia Mint, of bars made and Stamped at the Assay Office, New York, I have found it necessary to institute a careful examination with a view to adopt some uniform rules by which the Assays of one Mint can be taken at another. I refer of course to silver bullion.

In the case of the bars referred to, we find a loss in both weight and fineness, when re-melted and assayed at the Philadelphia Mint.

Neither Dr. Munson nor you state whether the assays of the bars at San Francisco, were made from slips, or from granulations taken while the bullion was in a state of fusion. If from slips, the variation is not very remarkable, as it is now pretty well understood that there is not that thorough homogeneity throughout the mass where silver is poured into bar moulds, as to give uniform results.

The assays should be from granulations and those very carefully taken while the metal is in a state of fusion. When a decision and instructions based thereon, shall have been reached, you will be informed thereof.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. February 17th 1874

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office.
Charlotte. N.C.

Sir:

Referring to a letter from this office under date of the 7th inst. approving your Requisition for funds for the month of February, 1874. I have to state that it will be necessary for you to make the amount drawn for Wages $50.00 – cover the expenses under that head for the months of February and March, 1874, inasmuch as the balance to the credit of that appropriation for the remaining months of the fiscal year is only $62.34.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. Feby 17th 1874

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office.
Charlotte. N.C.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction the Ordinary Expense Account of your institution for the month of January, 1874.

You will please cause Voucher D. for $8.05 paid Jerre Rose for furnishing & hauling sand &c. to be taken up under Contingent Expenses, and not Wages.

This will reduce your expenses for Wages to $22.50, which it is desired you will not exceed, otherwise your Appropriation will not last to the end of the fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. A. Garfield February 17th 1874.
Chairman Committee on Appropriations.
House of Representatives.
Sir:

As bearing upon the subject of the appropriations necessary for the support of the Mints, I respectfully invite your attention to the following extracts from a letter received from the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint dated the 5th inst. × × × ×

× × "Previous to the sailing of the Steamer for China on the 1st inst. the mint treasury contained one hundred thousand Trade Dollars and a considerable sum in like coins was held by banks and brokers in the city. The export demand for these coins entirely depleted the mint as well as the city supply, and shippers failed by large sums in meeting the requirements of the trade. Under sharp competition the coins advanced in Gold value within one week's time from One and one half (1½) per cent discount to par. Another Steamer leaves on the 16th inst. and the mint has received larger orders in advance of the execution of the coinage of Trade Dollars.

The demand for silver subsidiary coins in exchange for gold has suffered no abatement.

At present the silver bullion in the fund of this mint approximates Three hundred and twenty-five thousand ($325.000) Dollars in value. Of this sum the usual amount required for subsidiary coinage for the market, and the amount necessarily in the process of manipulation, may be placed at One Hundred and Fifty Thousand ($150.000) Dollars. The balance on hand, viz: One Hundred and Seventy-five Thousand ($175.000) Dollars will hardly, with our present minting facilities, meet the increasing demand for Trade Dollars.

The Chinese and other merchants are paying their balances in China to a great extent with these coins in place of the Mexican Dollars previously remitted, and the supply of Mexican Dollars in this City has become diminished, owing to their recent depreciation in gold value, and the consequent fact of our merchants, doing business with Mexico, having requested their correspondents, against whom the balance of trade holds, to pay such balance in gold coins.

In view of the present auspicious opportunity for enlarging the silver trade with China, and more extensively introducing the American Trade Dollar into that Country, I have to offer for your consideration the propriety of replenishing the silver fund of this mint to the amount in value of the sum recently forwarded to New York, as well as to consult with you upon the subject of executing a coinage of the commercial dollar to such an amount, say, Three Hundred Thousand ($300,000) Dollars, or more as will supply the exigencies of the trade. + + + + +

+ + I may add that the mint is at present employed in coining the Trade Dollars, and as large a supply will be executed, as the limited amount of bullion and a regard for gold coinage will permit.

During the months, April, May and June, the large anticipated gold coinage will prevent the mint from adding materially to a reserve supply of Trade Dollars, and I have to request you to give the subject under consideration as early attention as practicable." + + + + + + + +

The foregoing clearly indicates heavy demands upon us for the Trade Dollar, and consequently unavoidable increase of expenses.

I am, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.
February 17th 1874.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith supplemental estimates for the support of the mint of the United States at Carson City, Nevada, for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1875; also a copy of a letter from Superintendent Hetrich, explaining the necessity of this addition to the appropriations already asked for.

In asking your favorable consideration to the enclosed estimates I would state that at least one fourth of the entire production of gold in this country is derived from the silver mines in the vicinity of the mint at Carson City, and as the yield of this description of bullion is largely on the increase,- and under the reduced coinage charge finds its way to the mints for coinage, instead of being exported in the form of unparted bars- it becomes necessary to provide additional means for its treatment.

Before the Coinage Act went into effect the operations of the Carson City mint were confined principally to the manufacture of unparted bars, which was not attended with much expense.

The bullion is now subjected to the parting operation, the resulting gold coined, and the silver made into trade dollars, subsidiary coin, and fine bars which is of course, attended with increased expense, but is again restored to the Treasury by the charges imposed and the seigniorage on the silver coinage.

I am, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange Esq. February 17th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir,

In reply to that portion of your letter of the 4th inst. relating to the pay of C. J. Wilkins Asst. Roller, and J. H. Hopkins, Asst. Cutter, I have to inform you that I have addressed a letter to the 1st Auditor of the Treasury, requesting that the sum of $13.25 disallowed in your accounts for the months of November and December, 1873, on account of wages paid Mr. Wilkins, may be allowed.

The compensation of Mr. Wilkins now stands at $6.00 per diem, and that of Mr. J. H. Hopkins at $6.75 per diem, as submitted in your letter of Dec. 22, 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange Esq. Feby 17th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Official oath of P. S. Foy, watchman, in your mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton Esq. Feby 17th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office, N. Y.

Sir: I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Official oath of Mary Haley, scrubber, in your institution.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon   February 17th 1874.

1st Auditor

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the sum of $13.25 disallowed in the Ordinary Expense Accounts of the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint for the months of November and December, 1873, on account of wages paid to C. G. Wilkins, Asst. Roller, the same being in excess of the compensation approved by me, may be allowed, the amount paid, - $6.25 per diem, having been subsequently approved upon the proper explanation by the Superintendent.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Henry Troemner, Esq.   Feby 17th 1874.

#710 Market St.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

Your attention is invited to the enclosed letter from Messrs. O. H. LaGrange and J. M. Eckfeldt, Commissioners, and I have to request that you inform me at your earliest convenience as to the terms upon which you will undertake to manufacture the balance referred to.

Please return the enclosure to this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Wm. J. Durham   Feby 17th/1874.

House of Representatives.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the statement of Imports and Exports of bullion, asked for in your telegram of yesterday.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Imports and Exports of Coin and Bullion of the United States, during each fiscal year from 1860-61 to 1872-3, both inclusive.

Fiscal Year	Imports.	Exports.
1860-61	$46,339.611	$29,791.080
1861-62	16,415.052	36,387.640
1862-63	7,584.105	64,156.061
1863-64	13,115.612	105,396.541
1864-65	9,810.072	67,643.226
1865-66	10,700.092	86,044.071
1866-67	22,070.475	60,868.372
1867-68	14,188.368	93,784.102
1868-69	19,807.876	57,138,380
1869-70	26,419.179	58,155,666
1870-71	21,270.024	98,441,988
1871-72	13.743.689	79,877,534
1872-73	21,480,937	84,608,574
	$242.945,092	$821.893.235

O. H. La Grange Esq. February 17th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In the examination of your Bullion Accounts for the 3rd quarter of 1873, I find that the San Francisco Assaying and Refining works are allowed and paid 8 cents for refining all bullion delivered to them by the mint, notwithstanding that the abstracts show a number of deposits below 750 fine, upon which a charge of only 6 cents per ounce was collected of the depositor by the mint.

I understand this to arise from the aggregation and melt of deposits for delivery to the refinery, the average fineness of which is above 750 ~~m~~.

Is not the effects of this practice to pay the refinery more than is received from the depositor?

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq. Feby 17th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th inst. in relation to the sweeps you have on hand, and have to request that you ascertain and inform me what the cost will be to ship the same to New York or to San Francisco, as ordinary freight: also about how much per ton or pound you could realize from the Tailing mills referred to.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Thomas F. Bayard. February 17th 1874.
Finance Committee U. S. Senate.

My dear Sir:

Referring to the subject of my letter of yesterday, I beg to state that the issuing of coin certificates for the net value of gold bars was recommended by the Secretary of the Treasury in his last report on the finances.

In the same report it is recommended that authority be given for keeping in the Treasury, when its condition will admit of the same, a supply of fine gold bars bearing the mint stamp of fineness, weight and value, and for exchanging such bars for coin.

I am Sir, very truly yours
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Morgan and Orr. Feby 17th 1874
13th and Callowhill sts. Philadelphia Pa.

Gentlemen:

I invite your attention to the enclosed copy of a communication from Messrs. O. H. La Grange and J. W. Eckfeldt, Commissioners, and have to request that you inform me of the lowest rates at which you will undertake to manufacture the respective articles therein specified.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

Hon. James G. Blaine. Feby 17th 1874.
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir. I have the honor to transmit to the House of Representatives the report of Rossiter W. Raymond, on the Statistics of mines and mining in the States and Territories west of the Rocky mountains.

Very respectfully
Wm. A. Richardson,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. James Pollock, February 18th 1874.
Supt. Mint U.S. Philada.
Sir:

I will thank you to furnish this office at your earliest convenience with a copy of each of the blank forms used in the transaction of business at your Institution.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

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Hon. Jas. Pollock Feby 18th 1874.
Supt. Mint Philada. Pa.
My Dear Sir:

I will thank you to inform me of the cost of the Assay Medal including the case, in order that I may remit you the amount for the one given me at the Assay.

Very truly
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Miss. Margaret Torrey. Feby 18th/1874.
Columbia College
New York.

My Dear Friend,

I send you herewith a copy of a resolution adopted by the Assay Commission which met at the mint in Philadelphia on the 11th inst. in reference to the decease of your father, which occurred since the assay of the previous year.

The Commission was composed of some of the most eminent scientific gentlemen in the country, and their action shows the high estimation in which your distinguished father was held.

I am very sincerely your friend
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Extract from the Report of the Assay Commission which met at the mint in Philadelphia Feby 11–13th 1874.

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Prof. R. E. Rogers offered the following Resolution which was unanimously adopted;

Whereas, in the interval since the meeting of the last Assay Commission, death has removed from his earthly labors, Dr. John Torrey, who for a period of twenty three years had filled the responsible position of Assayer in the U. S. Assay Office, New York, and frequently took his place at this Board, and

Whereas, Dr. Torrey was an intimate friend of some, and well known to others of this Commission, who have met him on these occasions, therefore this Commission desire before their adjournment to place on record an expression of their appreciation of his personal worth and high moral character: therefore

Resolved. That the qualities of head and heart which render individuals esteemed and honored, were

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possessed in an eminent degree by Dr. Torrey; that gentleness and urbanity, with the firmest integrity were united in his character; and that the Government has lost a faithful officer, science and ardent student, and a large circle of admiring friends, the companionship of a Christian gentlemen.

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I certify that the foregoing extract is a true transcript from the Report of the Assay Commission.

M. V. Davis,
Secretary.

Hon. Jas. Pollock, Feby 18th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to request that you will forward one copy of the Annual Assay medal in silver to Thomas C. Acton. Supt. of the Assay office, New York, - collecting from him the amount necessary to re-imburse the mint.

It appears that several persons in the Assay office at New York who for many years were associated with the late Professor Torrey, would like to obtain copies of the assay medal.

You are, hereby authorized to strike a sufficient number for that purpose either in silver or bronze, to be furnished subject to the medal regulations, and will please notify the Superintendent accordingly.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock   Feby 18th 1874.

Supt. Mint U. S. Philada.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 10th of Jany last, reporting the result of the assay of three silver Bolivian coins, I have to request that the value of the said coins, may be sent to this office as early as possible, in order that the Minister Resident at Bolivia may be advised of the result of the assay and the value of the coins returned to him.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock   Feby 18th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.

Sir:

The annual assay medal for 1874 having been struck under the authority of the Director, it would appear to be proper that there should be some record of the transaction on the files of this office. You will please therefore report the number struck, and the disposition made thereof.

I was verbally informed by the Coiner, that thirty medals were struck. I would prefer that that number should not be exceeded, and that future copies be struck in bronze and only as other medals are struck and furnished.

Of the number originally struck in silver please send three copies to this office, C.O.D.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

February 18th 1874.

Sir:

I enclose $2.50 and will thank you to send me one copy in bronze of the Robinson Seward medal.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U.S. Philada.

Feby 18th 1874.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt this day by express of one copy of the Robinson-Seward medal in bronze, and to say that this will be considered as your voucher for the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.

Feby 18th 1874.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 11th inst. you are informed that the estimates referred to as having been forwarded on the 4th & 6th inst. came duly to hand, and those for 1874, 75 were transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury as a supplement to the estimates previously submitted.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. C. Delano February 18th 1874.
Secretary of the Interior
Washington D.C.

Sir:

On receipt of your favor of the 10th enclosing a letter from T. R. Butler of New York, alleging that there is a redundancy of 5 ¢ nickels in that city, I caused inquiries on the subject to be made and now transmit a copy of a letter from the Asst. Treasurer of the U. S. at that point, stating the amount of nickel coins presented for redemption for the past three months to have averaged only about $500.00 per month, and that the demand upon the office for such coin is from $1,500 to $2,000 monthly in excess of the amount redeemed.

These facts show that there is no such general redundancy as to call for a suspension of the coinage of these pieces, which is the only remedy within the reach of the Department.

The letter of Mr. Butler is herewith returned.

Very truly yours
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary.

Hon. E. B. Washburne. Feby 18th 1874.
U. S. Minister,
Paris. France.

Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of the 29th ultimo, I have caused to be mailed to your address a bronze copy of the Robinson-Seward medal.

Very respectfully
Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. February 18th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

The enclosed copy of a letter of this date, addressed to the Superintendent of the mint at Philadelphia, is furnished for your information.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq. Feby 18th 1874.

Mint U. S.
Philada.

Sir:

Please send copy of the written instructions, I gave you at the Philadelphia Mint on Friday last.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. O. H. La Grange Feby 18th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

What amount of trade dollars exported this month. How many coined this month. State price of fine silver bars.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Hon. James Pollock February 19th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.

Sir:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter dated the 11th instant from the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint.

Instead of sending two of the three samples of Chinese gold leaf as requested by Supt. LaGrange I send half of each sheet, and will thank you to make separate assays thereof and to report the result to this office. I enclose assayer's printed memorandum accompanying the specimens, which you will please return with your report of the assay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock Feb'y 19th 1874.

Supt. Mint U. S. Philada.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of yesterday informing me that you hold, subject to order, certain proceeds of assay coins reserved during the year by the Mints at San Francisco and Carson, together with proceeds of special assay coins received from those Institutions, I have to say that I have instructed the Superintendents of those mints, to draw on you in kind for the respective amount, and replace the same to the proper accounts.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock. February 19th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

During the progress of the recent annual assay at the mint, it was alleged by one or more of the Commissioners that both the gold and silver coins of the Philadelphia Mint had been weighed at the time of taking them for the pyx and before sealing them up. The practice at the other mints it is understood has always been to take these coins indiscriminately and to seal them up without weighing. It will be necessary for a rule to be prescribed, which shall require and secure a uniform practice at all the mints in the taking of the assay pieces.

Before deciding the matter I should be pleased to receive a report from you setting forth the extent to which the practice of weighing referred to has been carried, and the reasons therefor, with any suggestions in relation to the subject you may see proper to offer.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock Feby 19th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the sum of Forty one ($41.00) Dollars has been charged against the Contingent Appropriation of your mint, 1874, on account of actual expenses incurred by the Director in visiting your institution.

You will please see that the proper charge is made on your books.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. George Willard
Committee on Coinage, Weights &c.
House of Representatives.

Feb. 20th 1874.

Dear Sir:

At the meeting of the Coinage Committee on monday last I understood the committee to decide to report a bill for the repeal of the gold coinage charge, and the Chairman suggested that you should prepare and take charge of the bill.

I send you informally a draft of a bill which covers the point, and will leave all other subjects of charge to bring gold to a condition for coinage as now provided by law. The repeal of the coinage charge was recommended by the Secretary of the Treasury in his last annual report. I send herewith a copy of the Secretary's report (see page 32) and two small pamphlets on the subject of free coinage; I also refer you to pages 13 and 14 of my last annual Report in which the subject is mentioned.

Very respectfully
Your ob't Servant
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.   February 19th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 18th inst. in which you call my attention to the following words omitted in the tariff of charges: "to be converted into coin." The manuscript has been corrected accordingly.

I have not yet found time to examine the table of earnings and expenses for the six months ending December 31st 1873, but from a partial examination I am inclined to think that the charges at your office for the various operations upon the bullion are not sufficient to comply with the law, which requires that they should be equal to the expenses thereof, &c.

The six months referred to having been characterized by more extensive operations than usual must be regarded as favorable to a fair showing. It will not do to base these changes on theoretical calculations, but on actual results.

As the law on this subject is mandatory I will thank you to carefully examine the earnings and expenses for the six months ending December 31st, 1873, with a view to determine whether the charges are sufficient or not, and suggest such modifications of the existing tariff as you may think called for.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange Esq. February 19th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a communication from the Supt. of the Philada. Mint, informing me that he holds, subject to order, the following amount of Gold and Silver Coin reserved for Assay by your mint, during the year 1873:

Gold	$19,002.50
Silver (T. Dols)	368.—
" (Subsidy)	101.45
	$19.471.95

Also the following proceeds of special assay coins.

	ozs.	
Gold	5.375	$100.—
Silver	5.175	6.
		$106.

You are hereby instructed to draw in kind upon the Supt. of the Philadelphia Mint, sell the drafts at not less than par, and replace the amount to the proper accounts.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jacob F. L. Schirmer, Esq. Feby 19th 1874.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint.
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the sum of $1.85 has been charged against the Contingent appropriations of your mint, 1874, on account of reclamation of Geo. Keyster, for loss on unparted Gold bar.

You will please see that the proper charge is made on the books of your institution. } Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq. February 19th 1874.

Supt. Mint. U. S.

Carson City.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a communication from the Supt. of the Philada. Mint, informing me that he holds, subject to order, the following amount of Gold and Silver coins reserved for assay by your mint during the year 1873.

Gold	$655.–
Silver – Trade Dols.	69.–
Subsidiary Coin	77.75
	$801.75

Also the following proceeds of Special Assay Coins.

Gold.	ozs. 8.600	$160.
Silver.	8.725	10.25
		$170.25

You are hereby instructed to draw in kind upon the Supt. of the Philadelphia Mint, sell the drafts at not less than par, and replace the amount to the proper accounts.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Mr. H. H. Landis February 19th 1874.

Commission Merchant

125 S. Front st. Philada.

Sir:

I have to request that you ship to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev. two tons of ingot copper, not exceeding 26 cents per pound. Duplicate receipted bills for the same will be sent to this office, accompanied by bills of lading in triplicate, when settlement will be made.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

Thos. C. Acton. Esq. Feby 19th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office. New York.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of yesterday, reporting the assay of ten Mexican 20 Pesos of the coinage of 1874.

I have to say in reference to your observation of the value as shown in my Annual Report, that a note should have been appended to the statement, "that if coined into U. S. Money, a deduction of one fifth of one per cent for coinage should be made". The next Annual Report will show the correction.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock February 20th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received by express the bronze copy of the Robinson-Seward medal referred to in your letter of the 19th inst. and noting your remarks upon the price thereof invite your attention to a communication from you dated the 5th January 1874, and one from this office to you under date of the 6th ultimo, on the subject of the price of this medal.

I am not aware of having authorized any change in the price from $2.50 - the amount in currency inclosed for the copy ordered on the 18th inst.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman.

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock. Feby 20th 1874.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The Sec'ty of the Treasury has requested me to furnish a set of specimen trade dollars for the Secretary of War, with a case similar to those previously sent. Please send C. O. D.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock, Feby 20th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philada.

Sir:

Be pleased to inform as to the price of chemically pure Nitric acid during the past two months.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. Henry Troemner Feby 20th 1874.
710 Market St. Philada. Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to manufacture the balance described in the letter of O. H. La Grange and J. M. Eckfeldt, Commissioners, at the price mentioned in your letter of the 19th instant, viz: $\$1250^{00}$

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. O. H. La Grange and
J. M. Eckfeldt, Commissioners, &c. Feby 20th 1874.

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. in relation to the manufacture of a new four post balance, and to inform you that Mr. Henry Troemner, of Philada., agrees to make a balance such as you describe for the sum of $1250.00. Deeming the price reasonable I have authorized Mr. Troemner to proceed with the work, and will advise you when it shall be ready for shipment.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange Esq. Feby 20th 1874.
Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 5th inst. in relation to the condition of your Silver Bullion Fund and demand for Trade Dollars.

I favor the plan you propose of coining a reasonable stock of Trade Dollars in anticipation of the continued demand at the present rate, and the necessary occupation of the Mint in the manufacture of Gold Coin during April, May and June. We must however endeavor to dispose of some of our surplus subsidiary Silver Coin at New York, before adding further to the Bullion Fund. The subject is now under consideration and you will be further advised in the course of a few days.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. February 20th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Sir:

In your Statement of yesterday, you exhibit balance of Silver Coins on hand $301.168.55.

The Silver Bullion Fund of your Office being somewhat larger than necessary, the Department will probably desire to transfer from one to two hundred thousand dollars subsidiary silver coin to the Assistant Treasurer for the purpose of being sold for currency. Will you be kind enough to indicate what denominations of coin you can spare, and confer with Genl. Hillhouse as to the best mode of disposing of it. Could not the Asst. Treasurer sell from ten to twenty five thousand dollars per day for currency, without materially reducing the premium? It will be important that the Government should realize as much profit as practicable on the transaction.

Your early reply will oblige.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Nathan Trotter & Co. Feby 20th 1874

#36 N. Front St.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to quote the price of "Minnesota Ingot Copper" on November 13th 1873, and oblige,

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jno. T. Croxton, Feby 20th 1874.

Minister Resident, La Paz, Bolivia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Nov. 8th 1873, enclosing copy of the Coinage Law of Bolivia, now in force, together with three Bolivian coins, which you request I should have assayed, and their value determined.

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Philada. Mint, reporting the result of the assay, in which you will see that the "Boliviano" is of the same weight, value and fineness as two of our half dollars of present standard.

The other pieces, appear to be medalets, struck in honor of the two statesmen whose names and heads are stamped thereon.

I also enclose one Dollar and fifty cents in silver in payment for the coins, that being the value as stated in the letter from Supt. Pollock, copy of which I herewith enclose.

I shall be thankful for any further information you may send in regard to the coinage of Bolivia, and am under obligations for your valuable letter of Nov. last.

I am, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jacob F. L. Schirmer, Esq. Feby 20th 1874.

Assayer in Charge. U. S. Mint.
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Official Bonds of the following named clerks and employés of your mint, and to inform you that the same have been approved by the Director of the Mint, and the Secretary of the Treasury, and transferred to the 1st Comptroller, for file in that office; viz:

Rodney Curtis. —	Chief Clerk.
Nils H. Slater. —	Calculation Clerk.
Robt. H. Buck. —	Asst. " "
Henry Elder. —	Asst. in Assay Dept.
Calvin Boyer.	" " " "
A. S. Webster.	Asst. in M. & R's Dept.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. R. W. Tayler, Feby 20th 1874.
1st Comptroller.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for file in your office, the Official Bonds of the following clerks and employés of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado, viz:

Rodney Curtis —	Chief Clerk.
Nils H. Slater. —	Calculation Clerk.
Robt. H. Buck —	Asst. " "
Henry Elder — —	Asst. in Assay Dept.
Calvin Boyer — —	" " " "
A. S. Webster — —	" " M. & R.'s "

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Prof. J. L. Schirmer } Mint of the United States
Assayer &c. Mint Denver. Philadelphia. Feb. 13th 1874

Sir:

I have to request that you will attend the Deposit Melting at the Philadelphia Mint, during the hours of business for such number of days as you may deem necessary to become thoroughly acquainted with the mode of melting, and the actual condition of the silver bars received from the Assay Office New York, before and after melting, with a view to ascertain whether such bars are uniformily in a condition suitable for coinage when received at the Mint. Whether any base metal or metals, other than copper are contained, and if only copper, whether the alloy is in a suitable condition for making ingots by necessary addition of copper, to bring to standard.

You will afterwards proceed to the Assay Office New York, and observe the processes employed in refining Silver, afterwards transmitted to the Mint for coinage.

Many of the Silver bars, sent from the Assay Office to the Mint lose in *both* *fineness* and *weight* on being remelted at the later, which should indicate some *defect* in the refining processes employed, or in mode of conducting them.

After completing the examination herein directed, you will please submit the result thereof in person to the Director of the Mint.

Your necessary expenses while engaged under these instructions will be allowed you, and the Supts of Philadelphia and New York will afford you the facilities for conducting the examinations herein directed.

Very respectfully
(signed) H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. February 21st 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter received this date from the Assayer of the Boise City Assay Office; also the memorandum of deposit issued from your office giving the fineness, weight and value of the deposit referred to, and will thank you to report to me as to the discrepancy between the two institutions.

The memorandum will be returned to this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. Feby 21st 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 20th inst. has been received, and I have instructed the Superintendent at Philadelphia to use all possible exertions to meet the demand for trade dollars.

Superintendent Pollock informs me (see copy of a letter enclosed herewith) that he can probably supply you with $100,000 per week in trade dollars, and $25,000 per week in dimes.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock Feby 21st. 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.

Sir:

I have to inform you that so much of the existing Regulations as allow one hour for dinner to the employés of your mint, is hereby modified, so as to allow but a half hour for that purpose.

This reduction in time will take effect on and after receipt of this communication.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq. Feby 21st. 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City. Nev.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 18th inst. I have to say that there is no authority of law for exchanging subsidiary silver coin for trade dollars at the mint, and the permission requested cannot be granted.

If an addition to your bullion fund in the form of fine silver is required for refining purposes and to make prompt returns in fine silver bars, you will make application therefor in the regular way stating the reasons.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock February 21st/1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 20th inst. enclosing a communication from the coiner in relation to the manufacture of silver coin. I enclose you a copy of a letter received this day from the Superintendent of the assay office at New York, from which it will be seen that there is an urgent demand for the trade dollar.

You will please make every possible exertion to meet the New York demand for that coin, subordinating the manufacture of other coins, particularly the three and one dollar gold pieces and the silver quarter dollars and dimes.

One hundred thousand ($100,000) Dollars a week in trade dollars will soon meet the demand.

As soon as circumstances will allow I will have your silver bullion fund increased sufficient to enable you to manufacture and keep on hand a reasonable supply of trade dollars, it now being quite certain that it will be the favorite form for the exportation of silver.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock. Feby 21st, 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.

Sir:

I enclose herewith certain assay chips received from the assay-office at Boise City, and will thank you to have test assays made thereof and the result reported to me (both as to fineness of gold and silver) at the earliest date practicable.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James C. Booth Esq. Feby 21st 1874.
Melter and Refiner, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received your letter and I propose in a short time to take the necessary steps to bring the Philadelphia Mint to a more efficient coinage, when the points you have suggested will be considered.

The inability of the Mint to meet the demand for trade dollars, and for which I am unable to see any excuse, is bringing very serious complaints here from New York.

The question of reporting the assays of coins will be examined and a regulation prescribed on the return to this city of Professor Schirmer, who will report the result of his observations at your mint and the Assay office at New York.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jacob F. L. Schirmer, Esq. Feby 21st 1874.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint.
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Official Bonds of the following employés of your institution, and to inform you that the same have been approved by the Director of the Mint and the Secretary of the Treasury and transmitted to the 1st Comptroller, for file in that office, viz:

Byron N. Sanford —— Asst in M. & R's. Dept.
Edward H. Collins " " " "

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. Feby 21st 1874.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the return to this Office of the Ordinary Expense Account of your institution for the month of January 1874, corrected as requested in letter of the 17th inst, and to inform you that the same has been transmitted to the 1st Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. R. W. Tayler, February 21st 1874.
1st Comptroller,
Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for file in your office, the Official Bonds of the following employés of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado, viz:
Edward H. Collins. — Asst. in M & R's Dept.
Byron N. Sanford — " " " " ".

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. C. Paquet, Esq. Feby 21, 1874.
1217 North 15th St. Philada.
Sir:

Your letter of the 20th is at hand. There will be no necessity for your coming to Washington with the designs for the Mexi's medal. You can send them to me.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange Esq. Feby 23d 1874
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.
Sir:

I am desirous of procuring two specimens of the Tael of China and two of Shanghai; also two of Canton if there be any, and will thank you to obtain them through some banker of your city who has correspondents at Hong Kong.

I suppose they can be obtained at about their bullion value.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Charles T. Gorham, February 23rd 1874.

U. S. Minister
The Hague, Netherlands.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith two copies of my annual report for the year 1873, one of which I have to request that you will hand to the Director of the Netherlands Mint. I would be glad to obtain two specimens of each of the following medals:

"A" Medal of the 3rd Centennial Festival of the establishment of the Independence of the Netherlands.

"B" – a medal to the memory of the National Festival of April 1st 1872.

"D" – a medal at the dedication of Boerhave's statue at Leyden.

I suppose these penny medals as they are termed, are struck in bronze or copper, and that the cost will therefore be quite moderate. I will remit the price on being informed of the same, or if preferred by the Netherlands mint authorities would send some of our nationals medals in exchange.

Very respectfully
Your obt servant
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. Feby 23rd 1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have to request that you inform me if there is any deficit in the Bullion Fund of your office, arising from the sweeps sold by

Mr. Dunning while Superintendent, and not fully accounted for - or from any other cause.

We are about to take steps to have all the deficits adjusted according to law, and where the law does not meet the case it is proposed to secure the necessary legislation therefor.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. Feby 23rd. 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 21st. inst. in relation to the payment of Mr. Torrey's expenses while attending the Annual Assay at the Philada. mint, I have to request that you instruct Mr. Torrey to transmit to Supt. Pollock receipted bills in duplicate for actual expenses incurred, the payment of which will be authorized by this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. Feby 24th. 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint. San Francisco.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information, a copy of a report made by the Assayer of the Philada. Mint on the assays of three samples of Chinese gold leaf, forwarded in your letter of the 11th. inst. and thank you for affording us an opportunity to examine these interesting specimens.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

O. H. La Grange Esq. February 24th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to inform you, that so much of existing regulations as allow one hour for dinner to the employés of your mint, is hereby modified, so as to allow but a half hour for that purpose.

This reduction in time will take effect on and after receipt of this communication.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letters addressed to

J. F. L. Schirmer Esq.
Assayer in Charge Mint U. S.
Denver.

Calvin J. Cowles
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte N. C.

A. Wolters, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Boise City.

J. D. Hetrick Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson City.

Messrs. O. H. La Grange and
J. M. Eckfeldt
Commissioners &c,
U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal. Feby. 24th 1874.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 5th inst. relative to the additional machinery required for the new mint, I have to state that Messrs. Morgan & Orr, of Philada., agree to manufacture the different pieces as described in your letter at the following prices, viz:

One Finished Coining Press @ $8,500—

One Ingot Topping machine @ $1,500 -
One Ingot Vice @ 100 -

Deeming these prices reasonable and advantageous to the Government, I have accordingly instructed Messrs. Morgan & Orr to proceed with the work, and will advise you when the same shall be ready for shipment.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Morgan and Orr. Feby 24th 1874.
13th and Callowhill sts.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Gentlemen:

I have received your letter of the 23rd inst. and hereby grant you authority to manufacture the machinery therein named at the following prices, viz:

One Finished Coining Press, as described in letter of O. H. La Grange and J. W. Eckfeldt, dated Feby 5th 1874, for the sum of Eight Thousand, five hundred ($8,500) Dollars.

One Ingot Topping Machine, as described in letter of O. H. La Grange and J. W. Eckfeldt, dated Feby 5th 1874, for the sum of Fifteen hundred ($1,500) Dollars.

One Ingot Vice, as described in letter of O. H. La Grange and J. W. Eckfeldt, dated Feby 5th 1874, for the sum of One Hundred ($100.00) Dollars.

This machinery being intended for the new branch mint now building at San Francisco, I have to request that you inform me when the same is finished that an inspection thereof may be had and the necessary instructions given for packing and shipping.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock Feby 24th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to inform you that this office is in receipt of a communication from the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, to the effect that he has forwarded to your address the following Special assay coins for the month of January, 1874, viz:

1 Double Eagle —	Value — —	$20.00
1 Half Dollar —	"	.50
	Total Value	$20.50

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Wm. H. Richardson Feby 25th 1874.
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the reference to this office of a letter from the Senate Finance Committee enclosing a copy of Senate Bill #468 authorizing the coinage of a twenty cent piece of silver, and your request for an expression of my views upon the subject.

A silver twenty-cent piece would be a very convenient and useful coin in the Pacific States and Territories and the state of Texas, where silver is in circulation and where a ten cent piece is ordinarily called a "bit", twenty-five cents "two bits" and fifty cents "four bits", and one, two, three, and five cent minor coins are used only in very limited amounts. If five cents be payable and a twenty five cent coin given in payment, a "bit" and not fifteen cents is returned. It should also be mentioned that in the sections of country referred to few articles are sold at less than ten cents.

The term "Bit" originally meant an eighth of a Spanish dollar, (twelve and a half cents in U. S. Money) but is now applied to the ten cent piece. It is desirable that this system, which is a relic of the old Spanish and Spanish American money of account and coins no longer in circulation, should be broken up, and as the circulation of a twenty cent piece would tend to accomplish that object its coinage should be authorized.

I beg to add that a twenty cent silver coin would on the resumption of specie payments be found useful for making change in other sections of the country, especially in view of the fact that the five cent silver piece is no longer issued.

In a recent letter Mr. Acton, Superintendent of the Assay Office, New York, states that "in Texas United States quarter dollars rate only as two dimes, five to the dollar, and not popular at that. Dimes and half dollars at their full nominal value being preferred."

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. C. Paquet, Esq. Feby 25th, 1874.
1217 N. 15th St. Philada.

My dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your note of yesterday, also the Masonic medal and sketch for the "Metis" medal. I will inform you in a few days as to the decision on Mr. Faber's sketch. Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman — Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. Feby 25th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have duly considered your proposition for an increase of the silver bullion fund, for the purpose of manufacturing a stock of Trade Dollars in anticipation of the probable occupation of the mint in the coinage of gold during the months of April and May and approve the same.

The Secretary of the Treasury has, upon my recommendation, authorized you to purchase 125,000 ounces of fine silver bars, and pay for the same out of your gold bullion funds.

You will convert the silver authorized to be purchased, together with that already in your Bullion fund and not required for other necessary purposes, into Trade Dollars, and hold the same to meet demands of depositors of silver bullion therefor.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock. Feby 25th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your mint for the month of March, 1874, has been approved for the sum of $30,158.34. from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries, 1874 –	$3,158.34
Wages, 1874 –	22,000.—
Contingent Expenses 1874	5.000.—

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman – Director.

Hon. James Pollock   February 26th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.
Sir:

I have to request that you cause to be prepared and forwarded to the mint at San Francisco as early as is practicable the following dies:

12 Obverse Trade Dollar
6 Reverse " "
6 Obverse Half Dollar
6 Reverse " "
2 Obverse Quarter Dollar
2 Reverse " "
6 Obverse Double Eagle
10 Reverse " "

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock   Feby 26th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philadelphia.
Sir:

In your deficiency estimates for the current fiscal year, you stated that there would be required an appropriation of $75,000 for Wages of Workmen, and $8,000 for Contingent Expenses.

After deducting your Requisition for the month of March, there will remain to the credit of your appropriations $30,233.32 on account of Wages, and $25,033.73 on account of Contingent Expenses.

The amount available for wages will it appears, be more than sufficient for the month of April, leaving only May and June to provide for.

It also appears that the amount of the Contingent Appropriation undrawn will be sufficient for the expenses of your institution during the months of April, May and June.

If I am correct in these conclusions, you will please send revised estimates, in order that we may not ask for more than will be needed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock. Feby 26th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.

Sir:

In view of the demand for trade dollars at New York, and their being an ample supply of half and quarter dollars at that point, the coinage of the two last named denominations will be temporarily intermitted, or in other words, you will limit the manufacture of half and quarter dollars to the amount which may be required to meet deposits for the same other than those of the New York Assay Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock. Feby 26th 1874.
Supt. Mint. U. S. Philada.

Sir:

I send you herewith for assay one Tripolitan Girsch, also a Half Girsch, which you will please cause to be assayed, and the result reported to me.

As the dispatch from the U. S. Consulate at Tripoli of Barbary, contains some curious as well as interesting information relative to the money of that country, I send a copy herewith, which please afford the Assayer an opportunity to examine.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. D. Hetrich Esq. Feby 26th 1874.
Supt. Mint U. S. Carson City.
Sir:

I send by today's mail, one hundred blank forms for weekly coinage statements, and have to request that on and after the first week in March next, you transmit to this office a weekly statement in accordance with the form submitted.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
O. H. La Grange Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

O. H. La Grange Esq. Feby 26th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint San Francisco.
Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst. enclosing U. S. Asst. Treasurer's Receipts Nos. 697, 698 and 699 on account of Earnings of your Mint from July 1st 1873, to Dec. 31st 1873, viz:

Melting and Alloy charge — —	Gold Coin	$4,589.76
Coinage charge — —	" "	23,885.16
Trade Dollar Coinage charge from Apl. 1st 73 -	" "	2,973.26

and to inform you that the same have been forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

February 26th 1874.

Sir:

I have to request that you cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Carson City mint, for the use of that institution, six (6) Reverse Trade Dollar dies & four (4) obverse Trade Dollar dies of the dimensions of the enclosed sketch, and hardened and tempered throughout.

One set of radius plates each for Double-eagles, Eagles, Half-eagles, Trade Dollars, quarter dollar and Dime, are also required for that mint.

I do not know whether it has been customary to prepare these plates at your mint; if not, you will please turn the order over to Messrs. Morgan & Orr, and request them to communicate with this office in reference to their manufacture.

I enclose a copy of Mr. Hetrich's letter ordering these articles, and invite your attention to what he states in reference to the defect in the trade dollar dies sent to that mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S. Philada.

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Feby 26th 1874.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me how many blanks for each of the respective denominations of Gold coin, and Trade Dollars, can be adjusted by a female adjuster per day, and what number of the present force are employed as adjusters.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange Esq. Feby 26th 1874.
Supt. &c. San Francisco. Cal.

Sir:

I send you by this day's mail for your information, a copy of the estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1875.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
F. D. Hetrich. Esq.
Superintendent. &c.
Carson City. Nev.

Frank D. Hetrich. Esq. Feby 26th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City. Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Ordinary Expense Account of your Institution for the month of January, 1874. and to inform you that the same has been transmitted to the 1st Auditor for settlement.

Your attention is directed to Voucher #198 for $33.50 paid C. H. Anderson for work as Engineer for five days at $6.70 per diem. It appears from your pay rolls that your regular Engineer is paid for full time during the month, and you will please explain the necessity for the employment of an additional Engineer at so high compensation.

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The price paid for Chemically pure Nitric acid, as shown by voucher #178, 40^{c} pr. lb, appears excessively high, acid of the same kind selling in Philadelphia at $11\frac{1}{2}^{c}$.

It appears from voucher No. 159, Bill of Hendricks Bros. for 6040 lbs. Minnesota Copper, that the price paid was 27^{c}. The market price of this brand of copper at that time was 25^{c}.

If you have not the means for knowing the market prices, it would be well for you to purchase copper through this office.

Among the vouchers accompanying your account are several Bills marked "Duplicate". These Bills have been passed through this office, but the Accounting Officer of the Department recognizes none but "Originals."

Your attention is also directed to the item of $\$6,389^{86}$ for Copper furnished by Nathan Trotter & Co. which appears in the Abstract of Warrants paid for Incidental Expenses, and is also taken up in your a/c current. This account for copper having been settled by the department from the Contingent Appropriation of your mint, the Bill having been approved by this office, should not appear in your account, and hereafter you will please see that Bills paid here do not enter into the account of your Ordinary Expenses.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. Feb'y 26th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday in reference to the supply of silver coin, and will state that Mr. Pollock has been instructed to temporarily suspend the coinage of half and quarter dollars, in order to manufacture the trade dollar in sufficient amounts to meet the existing demands

I have some doubts as to the propriety of employing the mint so largely as recently upon the coinage of dimes, for export to foreign countries, and have to request an expression of your views as to the propriety of restricting the coinage of that denomination.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. Feb'y 26th 1874.

Superintendent &c.
New York.

Sir:

Agreeable to the request contained in your letter of the 25th instant, I enclose and send by this days mail a copy of the estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1875.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Albert Wolters, Esqr. February 26th 1874.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your communication of the 12th inst. I have caused the duplicate chips forwarded by you to be assayed at the Philadelphia mint, and enclose herewith a copy of a letter from Supt. Pollock giving the result of the test assay.

I also enclose a copy of a report from Mr. Acton in reference to the deposit in question, and the memorandum of deposit.

I have to state for your information in connection with this subject that the entire question of re-deposits and re-melting at our different establishments is receiving a very careful examination with a view to the prescribing of a regulation for the receipt of such re-deposits at the fineness stamped thereon, and of which you will be duly advised.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Circular.

Hon. James Pollock. Feby 27th 1874

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Section 50 of the Coinage Act, requires that the Troy weights ordinarily used in the transactions of the Mints and Assay Offices shall be regulated according to the prescribed standards at least once in every year, under the inspection of the Superintendent and Assayer.

Superintendents and Assayers of Mints and

Assay Offices will at the close of the month of March next comply with the provisions of the above section, and send a certificate of the result of the examination to the Director of the Mint.

Thereafter, the inspection and regulation of the weights as prescribed in the section of law above referred to will be made at each Mint and Assay Office at the close of the months of June and December in each year, and the result certified to the Director.

In the case of assay-offices where the Assayer has charge of the office, the Melter will act with the former in testing the weights.

The weights having been tested at the Philada. Mint, by the recent Assay Commission, the examination prescribed for the close of March will not apply to that mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Circular,

Thos. C. Acton. Esq. Feby 27th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York. N. Y.

Sir:

Section 50 of the Coinage Act requires that the Troy Weights ordinarily employed in the transactions of the Mints and Assay Offices shall be regulated according to the prescribed standards at least once in every year under the inspection of the Superintendent and Assayer.

Superintendents and Assayers of Mints and Assay Offices will at the close of the month of March next comply with the provisions of the above section and send a certificate of the result of the examination to the Director of the Mint.

Thereafter, the inspection and regulation of the weights as prescribed in the section of law above referred to will be made at each Mint and Assay Office at the close of the months of June and December in each year, and the result certified to the Director.

In the case of Assay Offices where the Assayer has charge of the office, the Melter will act with the former in testing the weights.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Superintendent &c.
San Francisco, Cal.

Calvin J. Cowles
Assayer &c.
Charlotte. N. C.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.

Albert Wolters, Esq.
Assayer &c
Boise City. Idaho.

J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer in Charge &c.
Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Henry Troemner, Feby 27th 1874.
710 Market St. Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to request that you manufacture for the use of the U. S. Mint at Denver, one standard troy pound weight and a complete set of grain weights.

When finished please notify this office, that the necessary instructions may issue for their comparison with the standard weights at Philada. Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman – Director.

Hon. James Pollock Feby 27th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Inviting your attention to section 51 of the Coinage Act of 1873, I have to request that you forward to this office a statement showing the number and denominations of the obverse working dies destroyed at your mint at the end of the calendar year – 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

J. D. Hetrich, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.

Hon. James Pollock February 27th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith are returned duplicate bills of H. G. Torrey, for his expenses while attending the Assay Commission lately held in Philadelphia.

You will please pay the amount ($25.00) from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your mint, 1874, taking the same up in your accounts for the current month.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. Feby 27th 1874.
Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. in relation to reopening the drain referred to in my communication of Feby 6th and have to state in reply that the job can only be paid for from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your institution.

The balance to the credit of that appropriation at this date is $364.50 and while the estimate you give for having the work done ($100) is considered reasonable, you are the proper person to say whether the remainder of the appropriation, after this amount is paid, $264.50, will be sufficient to meet the incidental expenses of your office for the remaining four months of the current fiscal year.

If you decide that the appropriation will bear the expense, you will please regard this as your authority to proceed with the work, the price, of which shall not exceed the sum of One hundred ($100) Dollars.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock Feby 27th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to a previous order from the Treasury Department I have to request you to furnish a silver copy of the Jefferson medal (large size) to Governor Lyon, who will hand you this as a note of introduction.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. B. Mullett, Esq. Feby. 28th 1874.
Supervising Architect
Dear Sir:

Prof. Schirmer, Assayer in charge U. S. Mint Denver, informs me that he had some conversation with you a few days since, in which he stated that some repairs to the Mint building there were absolutely necessary for its proper preservation.

If it be possible to spare a thousand dollars or two out of your appropriation for the repairs and preservation of public buildings, for that purpose, I trust you will authorize the repairs to be made.

The condition of the building and the necessity for some repairs were set forth in the report of Col. Stevens, who examined it last summer.

Very truly
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock. Feby. 28th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.
Sir:

I have to inform you that the sum of One hundred and thirty-five dollars and sixty cents (135^{60}), has been charged against the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your mint, 1874, on account of mileage and expenses of J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq.

You will please see that the proper entry is made on your books.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

Hon. J. H. Platt, jr. Feby 28th 1874.
Chairman, Committee on Public Buildings.
Sir:

When I had the pleasure of meeting you a few days since you expressed a desire that I should put in writing what I stated in reference to the new mint building at San Francisco, which I now proceed to do.

The edifice affords sufficient space for the safe and economical manipulations necessary for the coinage of the precious metals.

Soon after its erection was commenced, it was thought by many intelligent persons to be larger than would be required for minting purposes, and would involve a larger expenditure than necessary. In this opinion the Supervising Architect did not concur.

It is now admitted by every person competent to form an opinion upon the subject, that the entire building will be required to meet the large and increasing coinage at that point, thus fully justifying the opinion of the Supervising Architect.

Ever since the plans and drawings were made for the machinery, apparatus and fixtures, which was but a year since, it has become necessary to make provision for a still larger coinage capacity, in consequence of the successful introduction of the Trade Dollar into China, and the demand for which we are unable to meet with our present coinage capacity.

The Mint at Philadelphia has not sufficient room for the prompt and economical dispatch of the business devolving upon it, and the same remark is true of the Assay Office in New York.

In view of the increasing production of the precious metals in this country, and of the large amount of coin we will be called upon to manufacture in future, it is a gratification to be able to state that we will soon have a Mint at San Francisco of a capacity sufficient to meet our requirements at that point, which as before stated will be very large in consequence of the demand from China for our Trade Dollars.

I beg to add also that the basement story is well adapted for the storage and preservation of supplies, such for example as acids, crucibles, fuel &c., and for apparatus to reduce our own sweeps, and that a thorough system of ventilation is provided for the whole building.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. Feby 28th, 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint. San Francisco.
Sir:

In reply to so much of your letter of January (on the subject of the several deficit items of the bullion fund of your institution,) as refers to what you term the impossibility of complying with the provisions of law in relation to the wastage and loss on sale of sweeps, I invite your attention to the accompanying copy of a circular letter to the different mints and assay offices issued from this office on the 14th of June, 1873, in which instructions were given as to the mode of accounting for wastage and loss on sale of sweeps.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq. March, 2nd. 1874.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint.
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the sum of $1.31 has been charged against the Contingent Appropriation of your institution, 1874, on account of loss on unparted gold bar transmitted by you to the Asst. Treasurer of the U. S. at Philada. and deposited by him in the mint in that city for coinage.

You will please make the proper charge against this Appropriation on your books.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq March 2d. 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt per Express of your Bullion Account for the 2nd. Quarter, 1873/4 and to inform you that the same has been referred to the 1st. Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq March 2d. 1874
Supt. U. S. Assay Office. New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the a/c current of your Bullion fund, and to inform you that the same has been referred to the Treasurer of the United States.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

Messrs. Morgan & Orr. March 2d. 1874.
13th and Callowhill Sts.
Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 28th ult. in relation to the radius plates for the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nevada, and have to say that your offer to manufacture the same at a cost not exceeding $200.00 is accepted. I have to request that you finish these plates at the earliest day possible and advise this office accordingly.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock March 2d. 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt by Express of the case containing six pattern trade dollars, also three assay medals, and to return herewith in payment therefor U. S. Treasurer's Draft for $14.87.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Louis A. Garnett March 2d. 1874.
416 Montgomery St.
San Francisco.

A European government requests information as to probable production of silver by United States mines during next five years. What is your estimate?

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Hon. James Pollock   March 3rd 1874.
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

An examination of the various statements and reports of the Superintendent, Assayer, and Melter & Refiner of the Mint at Philadelphia, and of the Superintendent, Assayer, and Melter and Refiner of the New York Assay Office, together with the observations of Prof. Schirmer, satisfy me that the various operations in Bullion at both Institutions are conducted with the utmost fidelity, and that the difficulties which arise from the difference in fineness of Silver Bars received from the Assay Office, and re-melted and re-assayed at the Philadelphia Mint are due mainly to the character of the Deposits and the degree of heat attained, and which cannot always be uniform. I think the true policy is to have bullion refined at New York, and uniformly brought to a condition suitable for coinage, without deposit melting at Philada. Whether bullion containing copper as its natural alloy, can be said to be refined without a separation of the copper, is in my mind doubtful. At the same time if such bullion can be brought to a condition for coinage without the separation of the copper, it will be best to continue the practice on grounds of economy. It is manifestly the intention of the law that the two establishments shall practically constitute one Institution as respects bullion deposited at the Assay Office for coinage, not only for this reason but for economical considerations. The assays at the New York Assay Office should be taken by the Philadelphia Mint as correct, the same as depositors are required to do. I do not mean to be understood to say that test assays and meltings may not be employed at the discretion of the Supt. M & R. and Assayer.

The result of the operations of the special examinations made during the last three years, shows conclusively that certain classes of bullion should be subject to some deduction in order to properly protect the Government. Whether they are quite sufficient for that purpose is a question which may properly be further considered.

I should like the Officers of the two Institutions to undertake the preparation of regulations for the transaction of the business in question, according to the views above stated, and in order that it may be undertaken without delay, this letter is sent both to the Superintendents at Philadelphia and New York.

I would suggest that either Mr. Mason be requested to come to Philadelphia for conference, or that Mr. Booth and Mr. Du Bois visit New York for that purpose, and that the whole matter be reviewed, and a plan of operations agreed upon, to be submitted in writing for the approval of this office.

If while the conference is in progress, it should appear that my presence may be necessary, I will come to either place on being so informed.

I feel confident, however, that these officers with their acknowledged skill and zeal, and acting in a spirit of harmony, will be able to agree upon regulations which will relieve us from these embarrassments; increase the efficiency of both Institutions, and promote the welfare of the public service.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. March 3rd. 1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I should be pleased to receive your views as to the propriety of increasing the charge for manufacturing the trade dollar to one (1) cent for each piece.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

George B. Hanna, Esq. March 3d. 1874.

Melter, U. S. Assay Office.
Charlotte. N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Official Bond as Melter of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C., and to inform you that the same has been approved by the Director of the Mint, and the Secretary of the Treasury, and transmitted to the 1st. Comptroller for file in that Office.

With reference to your request that your old Bond be returned to you, I have to state that Bonds are never returned, but that the sureties on a Bond are only held for acts committed while it is in force.

I enclose herewith your Commission and you will please acknowledge its receipt.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson March 3d. 1874.

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I have the honor to invite your attention to the fact that the appropriations for the support of the San Francisco mint as respects "wages of workmen" and "Contingent expenses" will be exhausted by the middle of April, and that the appropriation for "wages of workmen" at the New York Assay Office will also be exhausted by that time, and that nothing remains to the credit of the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses" at the last named office.

The increase in the expenditures of the Mints and New York Assay Office is due to the very large addition to their operations commencing in July last and continuing ever since. Unless the deficiency estimates heretofore submitted are acted upon soon, the operations of the Mint at San Francisco and Assay Office New York will be seriously interfered with and depositors of bullion put to great inconvenience and loss. I deem it my duty to place these facts before you in order that you may take such action as you may think necessary and proper.

I beg to add, that in order to meet the present demands for the trade dollar at San Francisco, and the expected heavy gold coinage for April, May and June, the mint in that city should be worked to its utmost capacity, which it is not expedient to do considering the state of the appropriations for its support. And I would further remark, that in view of the expected transfer of operations from the old to the new mint building in July next there should be no intermission of coinage in the meantime, as the transfer will involve the total suspension of coinage at that point for a period of from one to two months. This circumstance will also require that the Carson Mint be kept in an efficient condition.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servant
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

To Secretary of the Treasury.

Memorandum.

Until the German Coinage Law of July 9th 1873, which makes Gold the sole standard of value, and the mark the monetary unit, goes into effect both Gold and Silver are used as standards of value in the German Empire, in the proportion of one (1) of Gold to fifteen and a half (15½) of Silver.

As that Law has not yet gone into effect, invoices of goods exported to the United States from North Germany, are stated in Thalers, and from South Germany in Florins, and as the 1st section of the Act of March 3rd 1873, provides "that the value of foreign coin as expressed in the money of account of the United States shall be that of the pure Metal of such coin of standard value", it will be necessary to compute the value of said coins or monetary units in accordance with the Law referred to; estimating the value of these coins in the money of account of the United States, on the assumption that 15½ ounces of silver, are equal in value to one ounce of gold.

The value, therefore in U. S. money, of the Thaler is 71.4 cents, and of the Florin, 40,8 cents.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

To His Excellency
John Kitz.
Consul General of Switzerland.
Washington D.C.

March 3d 1874

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 28th ultimo, asking information relative to the coinage of the Trade Dollar, its standard and true value, the amount coined and apparent demand; also as to the capacity of the mints of the United States for the coinage of silver, — the amount of silver coin now on hand in the U.S. and probable production of Silver Bullion of the mines of this country for the next five years, — to which I beg to reply as follows.

The standard weight of the Trade dollar is 420 grains troy, and 900 thousandths fine.

The apparent demand for this coin is about one half million of dollars per month, — principally for export to China, where it is coming rapidly into favor.

The capacity of our mints for the coinage of silver other than the Trade dollar, and in addition to the requisite amount of Gold (and minor or base metal coins) is about ten millions of dollars per annum. This amount could be increased Fifty per cent by some unimportant increase of machinery and the working of over time.

The amount of Silver coined in the United States, may be estimated at about Five millions of dollars.

The Silver Bullion product of the United States at the present time, is at the rate of Thirty-five millions of dollars per annum.

It would be well nigh impossible to give even an approximate statement of the *future* production. It is not likely to rise above the present rates, nor fall below Fifteen millions per annum.

Responding to your request to be furnished with any information upon the subject in a printed form, I have the pleasure of handing you herewith an official pamphlet, and refer you to pages 9-11, inclusive, for your information as to the object of the coinage of the Trade dollar.

I also send you herewith a report of the U. S. Commissioner of mining statistics for the year 1872, which gives interesting information in relation to the precious metal mines, and mining of the United States.

I am Sir, with great respect
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esqr. March 30th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

If you can obtain in the market a few new Silver Thalers of the North German States, and Florins of the South German States, I will thank you to cause them to be assayed and their value determined; the computation to be made on the assumption that 15½ ounces of silver are equal to one (1) ounce of Gold.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. A. C. Harmer March 3rd 1874.

My Dear Sir:

Will you do me the kindness to obtain if possible a dozen copies of the Fifth Annual Report of Rossiter W. Raymond. Ex. Doc. No 210 - House of Representatives.

The Report contains valuable statistics of the mining interests, and will be useful for reference in this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jno. J. Ingalls. U. S. S. March 3rd 1874.
Washington. D.C.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3rd of January, addressed to E. B. Elliott Esq. was referred to this office by that gentleman, and the specimen of ore accompanying the same was sent to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint for assay.

I have the pleasure to invite your attention to the enclosed copy of a report from the Assayer, giving the weight and value of the silver to the ton of 2,000 lbs.

Very respectfully yours
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

Telegram. F. D. Hetrich. March 3rd 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Letters authorizing one hundred and fifty thousand dollars increase to your bullion fund to be expended in purchase of silver will be transmitted tomorrow. The amount in gold coin will be placed to your credit for that purpose with the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco, subject to your check. Full instructions by mail tomorrow.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Hon. James Pollock   March 3d. 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to our correspondence in reference to the Jefferson Silver Medal for Gov. Lyon, I have to state that the medal having been manufactured before the regulations under the Coinage Act were prescribed, my letter empowering the manufacture of such a medal will be regarded as authorizing the delivery of the one already struck on the payment of the cost thereof, but not the striking of an additional medal.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. T. L. Schirmer Esq.   March 3d. 1874.
Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint.
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter received from the Supervising Architect of the Treasury Dept. in relation to making certain repairs to your mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. R. W. Tayler   March 4th. 1874.
1st. Comptroller, Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Official Bond of George Byron Hanna, Melter at the U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N.C., for file in your Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

J. M. Eckfeldt, Esq.
Supt. of Construction &c.
San Francisco.

March 4th. 1874.

Sir:

According to a statement prepared for me in the office of the Supervising Architect, there has been expended to the 1st. of February ultimo, on account of machinery and putting up of the same, the sum of $86,353.83; adding to this the amount of the contract with H. J. Booth & Co, $48,480.00, will make $134,833.83 leaving a balance of $115,166.17 to complete the work.

I should be glad to have your opinion as to the approximate cost of putting the new mint in condition for operations, exclusive of the Refinery.

I hope there will be sufficient to put up the Refinery.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman,
Director.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson City.

March 4th. 1874.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philada. reports the following result of the assay of single coins reserved from the January coinage of your Mint.

Double Eagle	899.9
Trade Dollar	899.5

I will thank you to furnish a statement of the result to the Melter and Refiner and Assayer of your Institution.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. March 4th 1874

Supt. Mint U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia reports the following result of the assay of single coins reserved from the January coinage of your Mint.

Double Eagle	900.0
Half Dollar	900.7

I will thank you to furnish a statement of the result to the Assayer and Melter and Refiner of your Institution.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock March 4th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Report of Official Postage Stamps used at your institution during the month of February 1874, and to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock March 4th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint Philada.

Sir:

I will thank you to send me two copies in silver of the Assay Medal, 1874.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

Hon. James Pollock,   March 4th. 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philada.
Sir:

Referring to the instructions sent you yesterday in relation to the silver bullion forwarded from the New York Assay Office to your institution for coinage, I have now to request that the three documents sent herewith, viz: copies of reports of the Assayer and Melter and Refiner at New York, and Messers. E. Balbach & Son, proprietors of the Newark Smelting and Refining works, be placed in the hands of the Assayer, Mr. Du Bois, for his information while considering the subject to which they refer.

Of the first class of bullion referred to by Mr. Mason, as averaging over 999 ~~m~~ fine, there can be no question as to its being in condition for alloying for coinage, and therefore need not be re-melted at your mint.

The second class of bullion mentioned would appear to be the product of smelting works situated in the location of the mining districts, and it appears receive no treatment whatever at the Assay Office.

I do not think it safe as a rule to regard silver of this class as being refined bullion fit for coinage.

Is it not necessary that such bars should be fluxed at New York before being sent to the Mint?

It appears that the remainder of this second class of bullion is mixed with such proportions with each other and fine silver as to make the average fineness about standard, and then fluxed with nitre, borax and bone earth. Whether under such treatment the volatile ingredients are uniformly and entirely expelled is a question which should be very carefully examined.

I have to particularly request the attention of the Assayer to the statement of Messrs. E. Balbach & Son. It will be seen that their method of refining silver bullion in alloy with copper and other base metals differs materially from that employed at the New York Assay Office. The senior member of that firm has past a long life in the refining of the precious metals and is beyond question one of the best authorities of the day upon the subject.

Having thus referred to the processes employed, I have to state that section 54 of the Coinage Act requires bullion intended to be sent to the mint for coinage to be assayed, parted and refined. The refining must be thorough in order that remelting at Philadelphia may be avoided. I regard this as very important.

I hope too that it will suit the convenience of the officers named to proceed at once with the inquiry authorized in my letter of yesterday.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Please furnish the Assayer with a copy of this letter. H. R. L.

Hon. James Pollock March 4th 1874.
Supt. Mint. U. S. Philada
Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of yesterday, enclosing Assayer's Report of single coins assayed &c.

I will thank you to furnish a statement of the Philada Mint coins assayed, to the Melter & Refiner, and request that in all future assays, he may be furnished with a Report thereof.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson. March 4th 1874.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir:

The deficiency estimates for the current fiscal year heretofore transmitted contain the following items for the Mint at Philadelphia:

Wages of Workmen	$75,000 –
Contingent Expenses	13,000 –
Freight on bullion	5,000 –

I suggest a reduction of these items as follows:

Wages of Workmen	$40,000 –
Contingent Expenses	5,000 –

leaving the amounts to be appropriated for the Philadelphia Mint as follows:

Wages of Workmen		$35,000
Contingent Expenses		8,000
Freight on bullion		5,000
	total	$48,000

A copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint in relation to these reductions is herewith forwarded and which I respectfully request may be sent to the Committee on Appropriations House of Representatives in full explanation thereof.

With the desire to bring the estimates down to the lowest figure consistent with the proper efficiency of the Mints I have re-examined the estimates of the different institutions and am of the opinion that it will not be safe to make any further reductions.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. March 4th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your Requisitions for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of March 1874, has been approved for the sum of $9,300.— from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries, 1874 — — — —	$1,800.—
Wages of Workmen, 1874 — — —	7,500.—

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram

F. D. Hetrich March 4th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Send immediately tariff of charges on bullion in force at your institution embracing all subjects of charge.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq. March, 5th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

In compliance with your request and my recommendation, the Secretary of the Treasury has directed the sum of $150,000 in gold coin to be placed to the credit of your mint with the Asst. Treasurer at San Francisco, subject to your official check issued in payment for silver bullion, the silver so purchased to constitute a part of the bullion fund of your mint.

You are instructed to purchase silver bullion, not exceeding the above sum in value, at the lowest price and not exceeding the San Francisco market rate.

The price in New York yesterday was 114 cents per standard ounce, with rather a declining tendency.

I suppose that you should be able to purchase at from one to two cents per ounce below the New York price.

Your action under these instructions will be reported to this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. March 5th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 4th inst. I have to say that Thalers of 1868-69 will answer our purpose.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. March 5th 1874
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte. N.C.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of March, 1874, has been approved for the sum of $447.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries — 1874 — — —	$225.
Wages of Workmen, 1874 — — —	22.
Contingent Expenses, 1874 — — —	200.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock. March 5th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I would state that I deem it advisable that the Coiner, Mr. Snowden, should aid in the examination of the question of silver deposits at the New York Assay Office.

The necessary expenses of the officers engaged in the examination will be defrayed out of the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

James Pollock. March 6th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Proposed conference of officers will take place at Philadelphia.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. March 6th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

I send you by today's mail a copy of the deficiency estimates as submitted by the Secretary, and enclose for your information a copy of my letter of the 3rd inst. setting forth the necessities of the mint service with respect to deficiency appropriations for the current fiscal year, and invite your attention to so much of it as refers to the probable state of affairs which will exist in connection with the transfer of operations from the old to the new mint building. You will please inform me what further action if any will in your opinion be necessary to bridge over the period of suspension of coinage operations in order to insure the necessary supply of coins: also as to the prospects of making the transfer at the time of, and in connection with the annual settlement of accounts to take place on the 30th. of June next.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Thomas C. Acton, March 6th. 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Proposed conference of officers will take place at Philadelphia as soon as it will suit the convenience of Mason and Torrey to go there.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. G. Barrere March 6th. 1874.
House of Reps.

Dear Sir:

I have prepared and enclose herewith a memorandum in relation to abraded coin and the withdrawal of the same from circulation as requested when you were here a few days since.

A draft of Bill is also enclosed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Memorandum for Hon. G. Barrere
Committee, Coinage, Weights and Measures
in relation to abraded Gold coin.

Prior to the Coinage Act of 1873, there was no provision of Law relative to abraded coin, except that Gold coin when below the standard weight and limit of tolerance allowed in manufacture should be legal tender at a valuation in proportion to their weight.

The 14th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873, is in accordance with the above cited provision, but provides "that any gold coin if reduced in weight by natural abrasion more than one half of one per centum below the standard weight prescribed by law, after a circulation of twenty years, as shown by its date of coinage, and at a ratable proportion for any period less than twenty years, shall be received at their nominal value by the United States Treasury and its offices, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe for the protection of the Government against fraudulent abrasion or other practices".

The effect of this law is to throw the loss by natural abrasion on the last holder.

The British Coinage Act of 1870, fixes a limit of abrasion on Gold Coins at five eights of one per cent below standard, and provides that where any Gold coin of the Realm is below the current weight, every person shall cut, break, or deface any such coin tendered to him in payment, and the person tendering the same shall bear the loss.

The Deputy master of the Royal mint in his report for 1872, referring to the small amount of light Gold coin brought to the mint under the provision referred to, says, "it is to be feared that so long as the law imposes upon the last holder of light gold coin, the loss which attends its withdrawal from circulation, Bankers and others will continue to neglect in their general transactions, the separation of worn coins from those of full weight, and will leave to the Bank of England the task which alone, it can but imperfectly accomplish, of maintaining the efficiency of the coinage by intercepting and returning to the Mint that portion of it which is no longer legally current."

From this statement of the Manager of the British Mint it will appear that the law is practically a dead letter, and this for the reason that the last holder of the coin is compelled to suffer a loss which the coin has sustained while performing the functions of a circulating medium.

I may add that it is a well known fact, that a very large number of Sovereigns and Half Sovereigns in circulation in the United Kingdom are below the least current weight, and that a recoinage on a large scale will be required at a no distant period.

The provision of the German Empire on the subject is as follows.

"Imperial Gold coin whose weight shall not be more than five thousandths parts below their normal weight, and whose weight shall not have been reduced by violent or unlawful injury, shall be counted as of full weight for all payments. Imperial gold coins which are of less than the above named current weight, and which have been accepted in payment by imperial, state, provincial, or municipal treasuries, or by money and credit institutions and banks shall not be paid out again by such treasuries or institutions.

The imperial gold coins will be taken in for remelting by and for the account of the Empire, after they have lost so much of their weight by long (over) circulation and wear as to be of less than the current weight.

All such worn gold coins shall always be accepted by all treasuries of the empire and of the states, at the value at which they were emitted.

No coinage of gold coins, other than those established by this law, nor of large silver coins, the coinage of metals excepted, shall take place until further action.

The Gold coins of the states of the German Confederation at present in circulation are to be redeemed by order and for account of the empire, in proportion to the issue of the new gold coins.

The Chancellor of the Empire is authorized to provide, in like manner, for the redemption of the hitherto made large silver coins of the states of the German Confederation, and to take from the most available funds of the imperial Treasury, the means necessary therefor.

Concerning the execution of the above regulations an annual account shall be given to the Reichstag at its first regular session.

The process of coinage of the imperial gold coins will be determined by the Bundesrath, and is subject to the control of the Empire. This process shall assure the accuracy of the coins in fineness and weight. So far as an absolute accuracy in each single piece cannot be secured, the deviation in weight shall not be greater, either above or below, than two and one half thousandths; in fineness not more than two thousandths."

It will be seen from the above law, that a limit of wear equal and in addition to the deviation allowed in manufacture, is provided for, and that the coins continue current until they have sustained a loss from abrasion in addition to the tolerance allowed in manufacture, equal to five parts in a thousand. Two and a half thousandths corresponding to $^{32}/_{100}$ of a grain, and five thousandths to $^{64}/_{100}$ of a grain, the allowance on each piece would be very nearly five eighths of a grain, corresponding with the limit of abrasion allowed on the U. S. Five Dollar piece.

The provision of Sweden and Norway, and Denmark as stipulated in their coinage convention of June 7th 1873, is as follows.

"Gold coin shall cease to be legal tender of payment relative to the State Funds, when it shall have been reduced by abrasion more than two per cent below the legal standard weight; and relative to private funds and parties, when it shall have been reduced more than one half per cent below such standards.

All coin having ceased to be deemed legal tender of payment relative to private funds and parties, shall be withheld from circulation after having been paid into any of the State Funds.

It shall be the duty of each country to remelt all coins issued by it, which shall have ceased to be current under the above rules, except in payment of dues to the Government.

Provision shall also be made by the respective governments of the two countries, whereby any party shall be enabled to receive on demand, in exchange for coin that may have, in virtue of the provisions of article 10, ceased to be legal tender in payment."

The coinage laws of Sweden and Norway and of Denmark, made to carry into effect the terms of the convention, make the necessary provisions for the withdrawal at par of the abraded Gold coins, and their re-coinage at the expense of the State.

It will be seen from the foregoing, that the German Empire, Sweden and Norway, and Denmark, have in their new coinage systems, fully provided for keeping their gold coins in good condition, by withdrawing those unduly abraded, exchanging new coins for the same, and devolving the loss from abrasion and cost of re-coinage upon the public treasury, and not upon the last holder.

Under the provisions of the Coinage Act of 1873 and of the appropriations made in 1872 for the re-coinage of coins in the Treasury below standard, nearly all the light gold coins in the states east of the Rocky mountains, have been recoined, most of them having found their way into the public Treasury prior to April last, when the new Coinage Law became operative. But such is not the case with respect to the Pacific Coast, where Gold has continued as a circulating medium since the acquisition of California.

The coins which were taken there from the Atlantic States from the year 1849 to 1854, when the mint was established, are mostly still in circulation and of course more or less reduced in weight by natural abrasion.

These coins should be withdrawn from circulation, for if not withdrawn, they will contaminate the coinage, and being mixed with full weighted coins, will be offered in bulk at the Custom Houses in payment of duties, and put the Officers to the inconvenience of weighing each piece separately, which is sometimes impossible for want of time.

It is apparent from the result in Great Britain, that any provision of law, having for its object the expelling of light coins from circulation, and which devolves the loss from abrasion upon the last holder, cannot be enforced.

Moreover it would be a hardship for the last holder to suffer a loss arising from natural abrasion of the coin, which had not taken place while in his hands.

The policy adopted by the German Empire, Sweden and Norway, and Denmark, would appear to be the true one, modified however, as to the place of redemption.

Instead of allowing them to be received at the Treasury and its offices, they should be redeemed only at two principal coinage mints, Philadelphia and San Francisco, where the necessary time can be taken to examine each piece, and apply the necessary tests to insure rejection of any pieces that may have been artificially reduced in weight. If the light gold coins be made exchangeable for new gold coin, a specific appropriation will have to be made to cover the difference between the bullion value of such light coin and their nominal value. But if exchanged at par for subsidiary silver coin, the seigniorage or profit on the silver coinage will be more than sufficient to cover the deficiencies referred to.

A Draft of a Bill in accordance with these views is herewith submitted.

If the committee should, however, decide that the redemption shall be made in new gold coins, the Bill can be readily modified to authorize the same.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

March 6th 1874.

A Bill

authorizing the receipt of abraded Gold coin at certain Mints of the United States in exchange for Silver Coins at par.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That Gold coins, the weight of which has been reduced by natural wear below the limit of abrasion prescribed in the fourteenth section of the coinage act of 1873, shall be received at the Mints of the United States at Philadelphia and San Francisco, in exchange at par for silver coins of less denomination than the Trade Dollar when presented in sums of not less than one hundred dollars, and the coins so received shall not again be paid out, but shall be recoined on account of, and covered into the Treasury of the United States, and the difference between their bullion and denominational value, shall be charged to the Silver Profit Fund; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to prescribe regulations for excluding from the benefit of this act all coins which have been artificially reduced in weight or violently injured, and for stamping with the letter L all gold coins below the limit of abrasion when offered at the Treasury or any of its offices.

Hon. James Pollock March 7th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find a letter from Charles Hammond, requesting to be furnished with certain minor coins; also his draft #5457 on Ninth Natl Bank of New York, for $100.00, endorsed payable to your order, the receipt of which I will thank you to acknowledge.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Hon. James Pollock March 7th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt by express of your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending December 31st, 1873, and to inform you that the same have been forwarded to the 1st Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

James Downing Esq. March 7th 1874.

Deputy Coll. Customs
Rio Grande. Texas.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 18th ultimo, I enclose herewith three copies of Circular No 1. from this Bureau relative to the standard weight legal limit of abrasion and least current weight of United States Gold coin.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson March 7th. 1874.
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir:

I invite your attention to the enclosed communication from the Superintendent of the Assay Office New York in reference to the appropriations for the support of that institution. I fully concur in all that the Superintendent states, and add that from repeated examinations I am satisfied that the office is conducted with the utmost economy.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servant
H. R. Linderman
Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq. March 7th. 1874.
1st. Auditor of the Treasury.
Sir:

I transmit herewith for settlement the Bullion Accounts of the Philadelphia Mint for the 4th. quarter, 1873.

Very respectfully
H. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. March 9th. 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York. N. Y.
Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Ordinary Expense Account of your institution for the month of February, 1874, and to inform you that the same has been referred to the 1st. Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq. March 9th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.
Sir:

Enclosed herewith find bills of Messrs H. H. Landis & Co for 3 casks (4882 lbs) Lake Copper, shipped to you as per accompanying bill of lading.

This copper was ordered to replace the two tons that Supt. La Grange was directed to purchase from you by telegram from this office dated the 16th ultimo, and as all the available balance of the contingent appropriation is in your hands, it becomes necessary to send you the bills for payment, which I have to request that you do immediately, by remittance of draft or otherwise to Messrs. Landis & Co, taking up the same in your ordinary accounts for the current month.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. H. Landis & Co. March 9th 1874.
125 S. Front st. Philada.

Gentlemen: I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst. enclosing bills amounting to $1,267.32 for copper shipped the Carson Mint, and to inform you that the bills have been forwarded to the Supt. of that institution with instructions to make prompt remittance to you.

This course was rendered necessary by the Supt. having in hand all of the funds available from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the Mint.

Regretting my inability to make immediate settlement from this office, I am,

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Frank D. Hetrich Esq. March 10th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City. Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ult. submitting for approval an increase of pay of T. B. Kennedy, Foreman of Melting Room, and R. M. Huston, Helper in Refinery, and in reply I have to state that pending the action of Congress upon the Deficiency Appropriations, I do not deem it advisable to make any changes in the compensation of the employes of your mint.

In future you will please submit for approval all appointments and promotions in your institution at the time when they are made, and not wait until the end of the month.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson March 10th 1874.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Until the German Coinage Law of July 9th 1873, becomes operative, and which makes gold the sole standard of value, both gold and silver are used as standards of value in the German Empire in the proportion of 1 to 15½, and invoices of goods exported to the United States from North Germany are stated in Thalers, and from South Germany in Florins, and as the first section of the Act of March 3, 1873, provides that "the value of foreign coin as expressed in the money of account of the United States shall be that of the pure metal of such coins of standard value", it will be necessary to compute the value of said standard coins in accordance with the law referred to.

Estimating the value of these coins in the money of account of the United States the value of the Thaler is seventy-one cents and four mills (.714) - and of the Florin forty cents and eight mills (.408) and these are the rates at which invoices of merchandise stated in Thalers and Florins should be computed in levying duties at the Custom Houses.

The Section of law referred to also requires that "the value of the standard coins in circulation of the various nations of the world shall be estimated annually by the Director of the Mint and be proclaimed on the first day of January by the Secretary of the Treasury". It would appear that this last named provision of law does not relieve the officers of the Government from estimating the value of any standard coin whenever a case arises calling for such action, and both the Thaler and Florin being standard coins, and both undervalued at the rates at which they are now computed at the various Custom Houses, viz: 69 cents and 40 cents, it would appear that their true value should be proclaimed by the Secretary for the information and guidance of the customs officers.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock   March 10^{d}. 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.

Sir: I am advised that Supt. LaGrange, of the San Francisco mint, has drawn on you for the sum of $\$19,577\frac{95}{100}$, proceeds of assay coins, 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

J. D. Hetrich, Esq. March 11th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Referring to the telegram and letter from this office dated the 3rd and 5th inst. respectively, in relation to the purchase of $150,000 worth of silver to be added to the "Bullion Fund" of your Mint, I have to request that you report in detail your action in the purchase of the silver, giving the name of the party or parties from whom purchased, the quantity purchased and the price paid.

You will please forward the report as soon as convenient after the purchase shall have been completed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. D. Hetrich, Esq. March 11th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of March, 1874, has been approved for the sum of nine Thousand Dollars ($9,000.00) from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries, 1874.	$1,500.00
Wages of Workmen, 1874.	7,500.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

March 11th 1874.

Sir:

Referring to the letter from this office dated the 25th ult. in relation to the purchase of 125,000 ounces of fine silver for conversion into trade dollars, I have to request that you make a report in detail setting forth your action in the purchase of this silver, giving the name of the party or parties from whom purchased, the quantity purchased and price paid.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange Esq.

March 11th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of March, 1874, has been approved for the sum of Thirty-seven thousand one hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents ($37,166.66) from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries, 1874 — — — —	$2,166.66
Wages of Workmen, 1874. — — —	25,000.–
Contingent Expenses, 1874. — — —	10,000.–

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

O. H. La Grange,

March 11th 1874.

Supt. Mint San Francisco.

Purchase fine silver required at one thirteen and one half cents per standard ounce provided market rate is not exceeded.

H. R. Linderman – Director.

Mr. A. Stotler March 11th 1874.

Springfield Furnace

Blair Co. Penna.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 9th inst. I have to inform you that you should send a specimen of the mineral to the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia. The cost of the assay would be $5.00

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock March 11th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 10th inst. I have to state that any reasonable time may be taken to ascertain a definite result as to the number of blanks that can be adjusted in a day.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq. March 11th 1874.

First Auditor of the Treasury.

Sir:

I transmit herewith Assayer's reports and receipt #155 belonging to the Bullion account of the Boise City Assay office for the 4th quarter, 1873.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. W. Vidal March 11th 1874.

United States Consul

at Tripoli of Barbary.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of Dec. 19th, 1873, enclosing two (2) Tripolitan Girshs and Half Girshs, and containing valuable information relative to the coinage of the Tripolitan mint.

Immediately upon receipt of your letter I transmitted the coins to the Philadelphia mint for assay and I herewith enclose the report of Prof. DuBois, Assayer of that Institution. From it, you will perceive that the girsh is worth about ten cents in silver, which agrees with your valuation.

I will thank you to procure for me if possible, specimens of the shell money you speak of, for the collection in this office.

I also desire to thank you, for the response to my circular containing, as it does, instructive and interesting information as to the coinage, habits and industries of a people, but little known in this country.

I am, with great respect

Truly yours

H. R. Linderman

Director.

A. Wolters. Esq. March 11th 1874.

Assayer &c. Boise City, Idaho.

Sir: I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ult. and enclosed Assayers reports belonging to Bullion account of the 4th quarter, 1873, also receipt #155, and to inform you that the same have been transmitted to the First Auditor of the Treasury.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman - Director.

Messrs. Morgan & Orr   March 11th 1874.
13th & Callowhill sts.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of Mr. Orr's letter of the 10th inst. advising me of the completion of the Radius plates ordered for the U. S. Mint at Carson, and will thank you to ship the plates at once to the Superintendent of that institution and forward bills for the same to this office accompanied by bills of lading.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock,   March 13th 1874.
Supt. Mint. U.S. Philada.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. enclosing one addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and two certificates of deposit for one thousand dollars on account of profits of the Medal Fund, and to inform you that the letter and two certificates have been forwarded.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock.   March 13d 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia

Sir:

I have your letter of the 12th inst. enclosing report of Professor Booth, Melter & Refiner, on the losses in melting gold and silver during the month of February last.

The loss in melting silver is very heavy, and if some course cannot be devised to materially reduce it, it will become absolutely necessary to exclude certain classes of silver bullion from the mint.

I trust that the official examination now in progress will result in placing this entire business on a basis which will leave no uncertainty as to the condition of silver received from the Assay office, and secure us a better quality of metal for coinage.

I have to request that you instruct the Melter and Refiner to continue the most active scrutiny and care in his operations, and the results reported as heretofore.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. D. Hetrich, Esq. March 13th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson City, Nev.
Sir:

I will thank you to attach your signature to the enclosed letter and return the same to this office. The 500 pounds of Nitric Acid has been ordered, and you will be advised of its shipment.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. C. Pollock, Esq. March 13th 1874.
U. S. Mint, Philadelphia
My dear Sir:

I am daily expecting a reply to my letter on the subject to which you refer.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

Hon. James Pollock March 13d/1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philada.
Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt by Express of two sets of silver pattern pieces of the trade dollar; also two copies in silver of the annual Assay medal of 1874, and to enclose herewith U. S. Treasurers' Draft on the Asst. Treasurer at Philada., #4199, for $16.52, the amount due.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock March 13th/1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philada.
Sir:

Your letter of the 11th inst, enclosing one addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and Certificate of deposit for $39.75 proceeds of thirty dies made for the Bureau of Ordnance of the Navy Department, has been received, and the letter and c/d forwarded to the Secretary.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange Esq. March 13th/1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.
Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd. inst. and enclosed vouchers for the First Comptroller, and to inform you that the vouchers have been forwarded as requested.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson March 13th 1874.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of a communication from the Supt. of the mint at San Francisco, in which that officer shows the absolute necessity for an early appropriation in order to carry on the operations of that institution after the 1st proximo.

In consequence of the heavy snows which have recently fallen throughout the gold mining regions of the United States, and the abundant supply of water which it insures for some months to come, the gold production will be unusually heavy. The greater portion of it will go to San Francisco for coinage, and we are also called upon to make at that mint a large amount of trade dollars for China. Any interruption to the coinage at that point would be seriously felt by the public.

It is proper to add, that whenever the existing appropriations for the support of the San Francisco mint shall have become exhausted, it will be my duty to direct the Superintendent to suspend coinage until a further appropriation is made.

Very respectfully, your ob't servant
H. R. Linderman
Director.

R. W. Tayler Esq. March 13th 1874.
1st Comptroller of the Treasury.
Sir:

I transmit herewith certain vouchers received from Supt. O. H. La Grange, of the San Francisco Mint, returned by your office for correction.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

Moro Phillips, Esq. March 13th 1874.

110 S. Delaware Ave.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

We require 500 lbs of chemically pure Nitric acid for the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada, but will not be able to settle for the same until a deficiency appropriation is made by Congress, - say thirty or sixty days hence. If, under these circumstances, you are willing to furnish the article you will ship it, and send bills in triplicate, and bills of lading, to this office for payment when an appropriation shall be made and become available.

The article must be of the first quality and such as is used in the assay Dept of the mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq. March 13th 1874.

Assayer in charge,
Mint U. S. Denver.

Sir:

The enclosed packages were found upon my desk today.

My impression is that you were to take them with you, but you no doubt forgot them when you left the office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mrs. M. R. Riddell March 13th 1874

No 1941 Nicholas St. Phila.

Dear Madam:

It would afford me sincere pleasure to comply with your request but it is not in my power to do it, there being no vacancies in the Phila. Mint and the force being fully adequate for the work of the mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Andrew Meng, Esq. March 14th 1874

577 East Cumberland St.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 12th inst. in reference to Mr. Gerlach; also a letter from Hon. Leonard Myers, recommending Mr. Gerlach for an appointment in the Mint at Philadelphia. Mr. Gerlach evidently misunderstood Mr. Booth as saying that the appointment lay with me. The appointment is with Profr. Booth himself and the Supt of the Mint, Mr. Pollock, and Mr. Gerlach must apply to those officers. I should be very glad to oblige both you and Mr. Myers, especially in the case of so good a man as Mr. Gerlach, and should any new minting establishments be opened a place can no doubt be provided for him.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — March 14th/1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philada.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th instant with the enclosed bills of Robt. Taylor & co. for crucibles shipped to the Assayer in Charge of the Mint at Denver, has been received, and the bills referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — March 14th/1874.

Supt. Mint U. S. Philada.

Sir:

Please send immediately a comparative statement of the earnings and expenditures of your mint for the six months ending Dec. 31st, 1872, and Dec. 31st, 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock, — March 14th/1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philada.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Ordinary Expense Account of your institution for the month of February, 1874.

Your pay rolls show the compensation allowed to Isaac Lower, Helper in the Engraver's Dept. to have been $3.50 per diem, which is in excess of the amount approved and heretofore paid. ($3.-)

You will please explain this increase of wages.

Referring to your letter of January 8th, stating that the following named employes of your

mint viz: Joseph Butler, Cabinet
J. Lower, Roller
Mrs. O. Lawrence, Adjuster,

were absent on account of sickness, I have to request that you will please explain their continued absence from your pay rolls.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Stephen W. Kellogg March 14th 1874.
Chairman, Civil Service Committee,
609 13th Street. Washington. D.C.

Dear Sir:

According to your verbal request of this morning I send you herewith copies of a correspondence between this office and the Assay Office New York, in reference to the rate of charges income and expenditures at that point.

I avail myself of the present opportunity to state that the charges at the Mints and Assay offices for the various operations necessary to bring bullion to a condition for coinage, and the manufacture and stamping of bars, are required by law to equal the expenses of these operations, and the moneys arising therefrom are at least twice a year covered into the Treasury of the U. S. An increase in the amount of deposits of bullion is followed by a corresponding increase of expenses and of income, but the latter not being applicable to defray such expenses, an increase of the appropriations becomes necessary.

I would further add, that under the new mint law the moneys arising from all charges, sale of by products and old material, and the gain arising on the subsidiary and minor coinage, are by law payable in the Treasury of the U.S.

I am, very respectfully
Your obt servant
H. R. Linderman
Director.

T. D. Hetrich, Esq. March 14th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint. Carson City. Nev.
Sir:

I am advised by Messrs. Morgan & Orr of Philada. of the shipment to you of the eight (8) Radius plates ordered by your letter of the 19th ultimo.

The bills for the same, amounting to \$200.00 and payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your mint, will be held in this office until a deficiency appropriation is made when a settlement will be had and your office informed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. T. L. Schirmer, Esq. March 14th 1874.
Assayer &c. U. S. Mint. Denver. Col.
Sir:

I am advised by Supt. Pollock of the shipment to you of two (2) casks and one (1) barrel of crucibles ordered from Robt. Taylor & Co. during your late visit to Philadelphia.

The bills for these crucibles, amounting to \$146,55 have been referred to the accounting officers for settlement from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Henry Troemner, Esq. March 14th 1874.

710 Market St. Philada. Pa.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th inst. relative to the set of standard weights manufactured for the mint at Denver, and have to request that as soon as a certificate of their correctness is obtained from the Supt. of the Philadelphia Mint you ship them to the Assayer in Charge of the Denver Mint, forwarding bills in triplicate and bill of lading to this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Morgan and Orr. March 14, 1874.

13th and Callowhill sts.
Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th inst. transmitting duplicate bills for eight (8) Radius plates shipped the U. S. Mint at Carson.

The appropriation for the contingent expenses of this mint having become exhausted, it will be necessary to await until a deficiency appropriation becomes available, say in from 30 to 60 days, when a settlement will be made.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

D. W. Mahon, Esq. March 16, 1874.

First Auditor of the Treasury.

Sir: I transmit herewith for settlement the Ordinary Expense accounts of the U. S. Mint at Denver, and the Assay office at Boise City, Idaho, for the month of Feby 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock March 16th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The enclosed copy of a letter received from the Hon. E. B. Washburne, U. S. Minister at Paris, on the subject of the alloy invented by Mr. Baudoin is furnished for your information.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jacob F. L. Schirmer, Esq. March 16th 1874.
Assayer in charge U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of March 1874, has been approved for the sum of Two thousand and one hundred and sixty-two dollars and sixty cents ($2,162.60) from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries, 1874 — — —	$880.60
Wages of Workmen 1874 — —	1,282.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Columbus Delano March 16th 1874.
Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of the three Volumes of the Census report of 1870, together with the reports of Prof. Hayden. Please accept my thanks therefor, and believe me sir

with great respect
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. O. P. Morton March 16th/1874.
U. S. Senate,

Sir:

In response to your request of Saturday I have to state that the seigniorage on the subsidiary silver coin, being the difference between the rate at which the silver bullion is purchased for gold, at present 113 cents per standard ounce, and that at which it is converted into or stamped as coin, 124 4/10 cents per standard ounce, is 11 4/10 cents or about 10 per cent.

The seigniorage will of course vary with the market rate of silver increasing with the decline, and decreasing with the advance in price.

For export as bullion the subsidiary silver coin are worth no more than a corresponding weight of standard bars unless they pass and circulate at their nominal value in the country to which they are sent.

For purposes of change these coins pass at their nominal value in the Pacific Coast States and Territories and Texas. They also circulate at their nominal value in some of the South and Central American States. The demand for these coins for circulation is sufficient to enable them to maintain a currency premium within three or four per cent of gold, whereas their bullion value is only 90 4/10 cents gold to the dollar.

The currency value of 385 8/10 grains of standard silver, which is the quantity contained in a dollar of subsidiary coins, with gold at 112, is 101 7/10 cents, and their market value in currency, 108 1/2 cents.

Although the bullion or intrinsic value of U. S. Subsidiary Silver Coin (90 4/10 cents) is but slightly above the gold value of a dollar in currency, which with the gold premium at 112 is 89 2/7 cents, these coins will from the excess of demand over supply, continue for some time to come, to command a currency premium even if their intrinsic value should fall, say, two or three per cent below the gold value of U. S. notes.

I conclude therefore that it would not be good policy for the Government to prepare a stock of silver coins, unless in the event of a time for the redemption in Gold of United States legal tender notes, be first fixed by law. Whenever that is done, the preparation of silver coin should be commenced and the Treasury be placed in readiness to redeem all notes of Five Dollars and less in silver coin, when presented for that purpose, and to be supplied also for purposes of change in such amounts as may be called for.

Two years would be required to prepare a stock sufficient to commence and continue the redemption and supplying of silver change as above indicated.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. J. L. Schirmer, Esq. March 16th 1874.
Assayer in charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense accounts for the month of February, 1874, and to inform you that the same have been transmitted to the Accounting officers for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq. March 16th 1874.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office
Boise City. Idaho.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of March 1874, has been approved for the sum of Seven hundred Dollars ($700.) from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries, 1874.	$450.—
Wages of Workmen, 1874	250.—

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq. March 16th 1874.

Assayer U. S. Assay-office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Accounts for the month of February, 1874, and to inform you that the same have been transmitted to the Accounting Officers for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Thomas C. Acton March 17th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Your wages and Incidental appropriations will be all right. Come on tonight to go before Committee tomorrow morning in reference to salaries. If you cannot come send letter today setting forth salaries of clerks. Actually necessary.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. March 17th 1874.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte. N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of February, 1874, and to inform you that the same has been transmitted to the 1st Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. March 17th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst. transmitting statements of your Bullion Fund for the months of January and February, 1874, and to inform you that the enclosures have been referred to the Treasurer of the United States.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas Hillhouse, Esq. March 17th 1874.
Asst. Treasurer U. S. New York.

Sir:

The enclosed letter addressed to you by the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia, was inadvertently placed in an envelope with my address printed thereon, and was delivered in this morning's mail.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
March 17th 1874.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for settlement the Ordinary Expense Account of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month of February, 1874, together with a copy of an extract from a letter received from the Superintendent explaining the discrepancy in the compensation of Isaac Lower, Helper in the Engraver's department.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
March 17th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa

Sir:

I have to inform you that your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of February, 1874, has been transmitted to the 1st Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

James Pollock
March 17th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

What modifications if any, of items in appropriations for next fiscal year for your mint, will be required. Answer today by letter. Carried your deficiency items today in committee.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock March 17th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia

Sir:

I have to inform you that this office is in receipt of a communication from the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada, to the effect that he has shipped to your address the following special assay coins reserved during the month of February, 1874, viz:

Double Eagles — — —	1 piece —	value $20.00
Trade Dollars — — —	1 " —	" 1.00
Total — — —	2 pieces —	" $21.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock March 17th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia

Sir:

I enclose herewith a letter received from V. Alland, of Brussels, Belgium, which I will thank you to submit to the coiner for reply on the point therein raised.

The $20 coin referred to in the letter means, I think, the copper blank which I obtained from the mint and gave to Mr. Myers.

Please to return the translation to this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock March 18th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.

Sir:

I have this day caused to be mailed to you nine (9) photographs, assorted sizes, of the late Professor Louis J. R. Agassiz.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

As soon as I have a little time I will furnish you with the dates of the birth and death of Prof. Agassiz – meanwhile you are authorized and instructed to proceed with the preparation of a suitable medal, submitting designs before proceeding with the dies – the size should not I think exceed that of the Trade Dollar. My time is very much taken up at present with the subject of the appropriations.

Very Resp'ty
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock March 18th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt per Express of five (5) Trade Dollars – proof pieces, – ordered on the 16th inst.

Enclosed please find draft on U. S. Asst. Treasurer at Phila. for $6.00 the cost thereof, made payable to your Order.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James A. Garfield March 18th/1874.

Chairman Committee on Appns

House of Representatives

Sir:

I have the honor to state that the item of $184.00 in the deficiency estimates submitted for the Assay office at Boise City (1872) were for services rendered by Alexander Rossi, as Assayer of that institution during the months of April and May, 1872, a temporary appointment made by Mr. McBride, the then Superintendent of the Assay Office, and which amount was disallowed in the settlement of his accounts because of his appointment not having been made in accordance with law.

Mr. Rossi performed the work in a satisfactory manner, and in my opinion is entitled to compensation for his services.

I am, very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Samuel Hooper. M.C. March 18th/1874.

Washington D.C.

My dear sir:

Referring to the subject of striking a medal to commemorate the services of the late Professor Louis J. R. Agassiz, I have the honor to request that you inform me as to the date of his death and his age at the time.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director,

O. H. La Grange Esq. March 18th/1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Ordinary Expense account of your institution for the month of February, 1874.

Your pay-rolls show the compensation paid to O. H. Sherman and G. H. Loring, Workmen, in the Assayers Dept. to be $6.00 per diem, which is in excess of the amount submitted in your letter of December 22d, 1873, and approved Jany 3d, 1874, viz: $5.75 per diem.

You will please explain this increase.

You are also requested to explain the absence from your rolls of the names of — — — — —
Wesley Hickok, Cutter @ $7.00 per diem, Coiner's Dept. and —
W. S. Campbell, Workman @ $7.50 per diem, Assayers Dept, the former of whom has not appeared on your pay rolls for some months past.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock March 19th/1874
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

You will please send me ten (10) Trade Dollars - proof pieces.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

I am constantly applied to for a trade dollar by Congressmen & others & must keep a small stock to supply these parties. L.

Hon. James A. Garfield   March 19th, 1874.
Chairman Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives.

Sir:

Referring to my verbal statements and the papers sent in explanation of the mint estimates, I beg to submit the following remarks:

The Mints and Assay Offices are manufactories of bars and coin, and the expenses for any year, except as to salaries and the regular force of experts and skilled workmen, which it is necessary to retain at all times, will be in proportion to the amount of work performed.

The business of the Mints has been very largely increased since the first of April, 1873, the date when the new coinage act took effect, by reason of—

1st. The change in the course of bullion, on account of the reduction of the coinage charge from the ½ to the ⅕ of one per centum, and which with lower rates of foreign exchange than existed for sometime previous, induced the entire gold product of the country to go to the mints for coinage. Before that date nearly half of the gold bullion produced was exported in an unminted condition, the average annual gold coinage of all the mints from 1868 to 1872, inclusive, having been about $20,000,000. against an annual average production of about $40,000,000.

2nd. The importation and mintage of about $16,000,000 of foreign gold bullion and coin.

3rd. The successful introduction into China of the American Trade Dollar, and a consequent large demand for the coinage thereof.

4th. The coinage of gold coin reduced by natural abrasion below the limit of wear, as fixed by the principal commercial nations and our own coinage act.

5th. An increased coinage of subsidiary silver during the year, to supply the demand from Texas and the Central and South American States where those coins circulate at their nominal value.

The foregoing additional business has rendered it necessary to run the three coinage mints and the Assay-office at New York, not only to their full capacity since the first of April last, but during extra hours for a portion of the time, and I regard the comparatively small sum required in addition to the amount ordinarily appropriated for the support of the mints as proving beyond question that the utmost economy, consistent with the prompt and proper execution of the coinage, has been observed by the mint officers generally.

The law places no restriction on the receipt of deposits of bullion at the mints, and, however large they may be, it is our duty to convert them into coin or bars, as the case may be, and meet the consequent expenses until the appropriations for that purpose are exhausted.

As to the question of policy, there cannot, I think, be any doubt that our gold bullion should all be converted into coin, and this for the reason that in as much as bullion in the form of bars cannot be profitable retained as a reserve or otherwise by banks and bankers in this country it must seek a foreign market if for the out-turn only, unless made into coins, and which will not be exported unless required to adjust foreign balances; and so long as silver coins command a reasonable premium on their intrinsic value for export to other countries, as they have for sometime past, commercial policy, and the fact that ours is the largest silver producing country, requires that we should coin as much silver as we can in addition to the required gold and minor coinage.

It is proper to state at this point that we shall no doubt be called upon to execute coinage for other countries under the Act approved January 29th 1874, authorizing the same.

I have made the foregoing statements with a view to show the importance of keeping our mints and assay offices in a high state of efficiency, and of making the necessary appropriations for their proper support, the greater portion of which will be returned to the Treasury from the various charges on deposits of bullion; seigniorage or gain on silver and minor coinage; sale of by-products, &c, the monies arising from which are, under the coinage act, payable at least twice a year into the Treasury of the U. S.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully
Your obedient servant
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st Auditor.

March 19th 1874.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for settlement the Bullion account for the 4th quarter 1873, and supplement account of wages of workmen for the 2nd quarter 1873, of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. A. Garfield
Chairman, Com. on Appropriations
House of Representatives.

March 19th 1874

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter received today from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia in which he urges very strongly that the Salaries of the clerks be fixed and appropriated for as stated in paper marked "A" accompanying, which is only $1100.– in excess of the amount as fixed in the Legislative appropriation bill.

I concur in this recommendation of the Superintendent.

The items for Wages of Workmen, Incidental Expenses and Freight on Bullion being the same as in the Bill require no alteration.

I do not favor a special appropriation for specimens, ores and coins at the Philadelphia Mint. The item of $500.– already in the Bill being sufficient for the purchase of any foreign standard coins that may be required, for comparison & assay.

To recapitulate, the only addition to the Bill as it now stands, so far as the Philadelphia Mint is concerned, which is necessary, is $1100.– for salaries of clerks, to be apportioned as stated in the Superintendents' Schedule "B".

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. J. A. Garfield   March 19th 1874.
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations
Sir:

The Act making appropriations for the legislative, executive and judicial expenses of the Government for the year ending June 30, 1873, approved May 8th 1872, appropriated "for loss and expenses involved in the re-coinage of Gold coins in the Treasury which are below standard weight, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe" $150.000.

Under the provisions of the above Act, and the 14th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873, there has

been received and remelted	$30,048,684
The amount yet remaining in the Treasury and its offices, is estimated at about	7.000.000
Total	$40.048.684
The difference between the nominal and tale value of the amount received is about	$187.500
On the amount yet to be recoined, it is estimated, will be	43.750
Total	$231.250
Deducting from this amount	150,000
there still remains a deficiency of	$81,250

for which I have submitted estimates as follows:

Deficiency Estimate, Fiscal Year 1873-74	$8.710
" " Current Fiscal Year	60.000
Estimate, Regular Appropriation 1874-75	20.000

These amounts it is believed will be sufficient to cover, in each year for which they are estimated, the difference between the nominal and tale value of such coin.

The large amount of abraded coin is due to the fact, that there has been no re-coinage of

Gold in the country since the change of standard in 1834 (40 years ago), and that in the large exports of coin which have been made since the suspension of specie payments in 1861, the heavy and unworn pieces were as a general rule selected for that purpose, leaving the light and worn coins to go into the Treasury in payment of Customs duties.

I am, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. R. E. Rogers. March 19th 1874.

Dear Sir:

In 1857, Congress passed a joint resolution "authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to cause inquiries to be made by competent commissioners into processes and means claimed to have been discovered by J. T. Barclay for preventing abrasion, counterfeiting and deterioration of the coins of the United States." and appointed Professor Henry, Vethake and R. E. Rogers to act as commissioners.

Within the last few days my attention has been called to the subject, and I would thank you to furnish me with a copy of the report if possible.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq. March 19th 1874

Supt. U. S. Mint. Carson City. Nev.

Sir: I have to acknowledge the receipt this day of One box containing your Bullion Account for the 4th quarter of 1873, and to inform you that the same has been transmitted to the 1st Auditor for settlement. Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq. March 19th. 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the supplemental account of Wages of Workmen for the months of April, May and June 1873, and to inform you that the same has been referred to the 1st. Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. J. F. L. Schirmer March 20th. 1874.
Assayer in charge U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, has forwarded to this office bills of Mr. Moro Phillips for 556 lbs (1 barrel) prepared bone ash, @ 15¢ per pound = $83.40 – shipped to your institution as per enclosed bill of lading.

The bills have been referred to the First Auditor for settlement from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your mint, 1874, and I will thank you to make the necessary entry in your account against that appropriation.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

March 19th. 1874.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada. March 20th. 1874.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of April, 1874 has been approved for the sum of $30,458.34, from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries. 1874. — — — — —	$3,158.34
Wages of Workmen, 1874 — — — —	22.000.00
Contingent Expenses, 1874 — — — —	5.300.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock March 20th, 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.

Sir:

I will be glad to have you state whether the actual cost of seperating bullion 600/2 to 750 parts gold, will be more or less than that for seperating bullion 750/2 to 989/2 parts gold — or, in other words, whether it is worth while to make any distinctions between the two classes of bullion; or whether it may not, with a due regard to the law, be embraced in one item in a tariff of charges as follows: "Bullion containing 600/2 to 989/2 parts gold."

Treating such bullion by itself the same quantity of silver would be required to be disolved, and I do not see why there should be any difference in the cost.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Thomas C. Acton. Esqr.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office. New York City.

Thomas O. Acton, Esq. March 20th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have yours of the 19th instant. As respects the salaries of clerks and assistants in your office, the Committee came to no conclusion during my conference with them. I think it would be well for you to come here in the early part of the coming week, and make your statement to the Committee.

The Committee require every item to be explained and its necessity clearly set forth, and being the executive and responsible officer of the institution, your verbal explanations will have much weight.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

There being some official matters which I desire to confer with you personally about, and as I cannot come to your City for that purpose your expenses to Washington & return will be paid by the Assay Office. H. R. L.

Thomas O. Acton, Esq. March 20th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office. New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 18th inst. in relation to the payment of the expenses of Messrs. Torrey and Mason while attending the late conference at the Philadelphia Mint, I have to request that you cause duplicate bills to be prepared and signed by each of the officers named, and to transmit them to this office for approval.

They will be paid by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. Hillhouse, Esq.
March 20th. 1874
U. S. Asst. Treasurer, New York City.
Sir:

In your letter of yesterday you state that you have on hand about $2,000,000 of Gold coin which, if weighed by the piece, would be separated into coin of less than the legal weight, coin on the poise, and coin of full weight, but defaced or otherwise unmerchantable, and request to be informed as to the proper disposition of the same. I am of the opinion that it will be proper to send the entire amount to the Mint for recoinage, but before doing so, it will be necessary for you to obtain the consent of the Secretary of the Treasury as to the "coin on the poise" and mutilated pieces of full weight. The authority to have such pieces recoined is undoubtedly possessed by him. Such authority was exercised in several instances before the enactment of the new Mint law in the recoinage of gold dollars when there was an over supply of that denomination in the Treasury. The first recoinage of such pieces was made some fifteen or eighteen years ago.

Your letter of the 16th. of Feb'y last to the Department in reference to stamping light coin was referred to the Coinage Committee, and a bill embodying your suggestions on the subject has been prepared by that Committee, and will soon be introduced in the House of Representatives.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson March 20th 1874.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a Telegram from the Supt. of the Mint at San Francisco, stating that the "Mint is working to its full capacity, without over time, with $200,000 silver deposits on hand for trade dollars"; and that "deposits to the amount of $150,000, offered during this week, have necessarily been rejected".

The coinage capacity of the Mint at San Francisco is $300,000 - gold per day, and when working alone on silver, $15,000 per day. This capacity can be increased fifty per cent by working four hours per day over time, which the workmen can endure in that climate. As the appropriations for the support of that mint, except salaries of officers and clerks, will be exhausted by the 10th proximo, it is not expedient to work over time.

After trying for a long period, in common with other commercial nations to promote intercourse with China, and expending large sums of money for that purpose, and with indifferent success, we finally authorized the issue of a trade coin, with a view to its use as an agent of commerce with oriental nations; and although not more than eight months have elapsed since its coinage commenced it has already been accepted in China, continues to grow rapidly in favor, and promises great advantages to the commerce of the United States.

It would be very unfortunate if we should be compelled to intermit, even for a month, the coinage of trade dollars at San Francisco, and I cannot urge upon you too strongly the importance of procuring from Congress as early as practicable the necessary appropriations to enable us to meet the unusual demand for coinage at the San Francisco mint, the estimates for which have heretofore been transmitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Frank D. Hetrich. Esq. March 20th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Ordinary Expense account of your institution for the month of February, 1874, and to inform you that the same has been transmitted to the 1st Auditor for settlement.

The attention of the Auditor has been directed to the compensation paid to F. B. Kennedy, Foreman of melting room, $7.00 per diem, and R. M. Huston, Helper in the Melter and Refiners' Department, $4.50 per diem, the same being in excess of the wages approved, viz: $6.75 and $4.00 per diem, respectively.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James A. Garfield   March 20th 1874.

Chairman Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives.

Sir:

As requested by you on the 18th I transmit herewith certain papers explanatory of the appropriations for the mints and assay-offices, both as respects the deficiency and regular bills, and of which the following is a list:

"A" — Supt. of the Mint at San Francisco, says that unless deficiency appropriation be made available by the middle of April, must either violate the law by incurring obligations for which no appropriation has been made or suspend operations. Submits exhibit of work for eight months ending Feby 28th '74.

"B" — Supt. U. S. Mint at Carson — explains the earnings and expenditures of his institution, the class of work done, &c.

"C" — Supt. U. S. Mint at Carson, — explains the difference in the class of work of his institution as accounting for the increased appropriations required for the fiscal year 1875; also the price of acids, wood, coal &c.

"D" — Supt. U. S. Assay Office at New York, calls attention to the difference in amount of appropriations as estimated and amount reported by the House Committee on Appns. for the support of his institution, 1875; also the necessity for early action on the deficiency appropriations for 1874. Explains increase of work &c.

"E" — Supt. U. S. Assay office N. Y. Statement of earnings and expenditures for six months ending December 31st, 1874.

Very respectfully, yr obdt servt
H. R. Linderman — Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon. March 20th 1874.
1st Auditor.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for settlement the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev. for the month of Feby 1874.

Your attention is invited to the wages paid to T. B. Kennedy, Foreman of melting room, $7.00 per diem, and R. M. Huston, Helper in the Melter & Refiner's department, $4.50 per diem, the same being in excess of the amounts authorized.

The compensation of T. B. Kennedy, as approved is $6.75 per diem, and that of R. M. Huston, $4.00 per diem.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock. March 20th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, enclosing bills of Mrs Phillips for one barrel of bone ash shipped the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, and to inform you that the account has been referred to the Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. O. H. La Grange, March 20th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco. Cal.

Dies ordered by you were all forwarded by Express on the seventeenth. Full amount of estimates for wages and incidentals, both as to deficiencies and next years appropriations granted in Committee. I will decide in a day or two as to the steps to be taken to enable your mint to meet demands upon it. What makes such heavy demand for silver coinage - Answer, giving details as far as practicable.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Wm. H. Richardson March 21st 1874.

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I have the honor to hand you herewith a telegraphic despatch from the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, in reference to the continued demand for trade dollars for export to China; the inability of the Mint to meet the demand; and the large amount of gold coinage during the month, and respectfully suggest that it be transmitted to the Committee on Appropriations, showing as it does, the large amount of work thrown upon the San Francisco mint and the necessity for a moderate increase in the appropriations for the support of that mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

March 21st 1874.

Sir:

I will thank you to cause to be prepared and shipped to this office for its use a complete set, in duplicate, of medals in bronze, and contained in the medal schedule.

These medals being for the use of the Government, no charge will be made for them. A receipt for them will, however, be given, and which will be retained as a voucher.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

March 21st 1874.

Sir:

The arrangement agreed upon by the officers of the Philadelphia Mint and of the assay office New York, as given in their report of the 14th inst. in reference to the preparation and transmission of bullion to the Philadelphia Mint and its receipt thereat, will be observed until otherwise ordered.

A certified copy of the arrangement is herewith transmitted.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Thomas C. Acton. Esq
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Hon. James Pollock March 21st. 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.
Sir:

I have yours, of yesterday with the enclosed communication from the Coiner of the Mint.

I should have explained in my letter of the 17th inst, that Mr. Myers in ordering any tools exceeded the authority given him. He was only to make inquiries upon the subject. I shall write to Mr. Alland, requesting a description of the tools he proposes to furnish, and the cost thereof, before desiding the matter. The tools which he proposes are, as I understand, to make the viroles, or segment collar, which it is uncertain whether we could use or not in our present coining presses.

Like every other matter connected with coinage, there is a very decided difference of opinion as to how the edge of the coin should be protected. My chief design in having the matter experimented upon, is because of the recent invention of the drop or vacuum process of making dies; and the possibility of being compelled, in consequence thereof, to put something around the edge of the coin requiring lateral pressure in the operation of striking, which, as I understand it, could not be successfully imitated by the drop process.

While I have no decided views upon the subject, I deem it advisable that some experiments should be made at the mint with a view to ascertain whether the segment collar can be adopted to our coining presses, and if not, in what other way the lettering can be accomplished.

I shall delay writing to Mr. Alland for a few days, in order to allow the coiner to make such further reply as he & you may deem necessary.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Profr. J. F. L. Schirmer, March 21st 1874.
Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Enclosed find bill of Mr. Henry Troemner, for one set of standard weights shipped to your institution as per bill of lading herewith.

The amount of the bill, $75.00 will be paid here from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, of your mint, 1874, and you will please cause the necessary entry to be made in your accounts against that appropriation.

I am, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. M. Eckfeldt, Esq. March 21st 1874.
Supt. Construction, New Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I return herewith your report for the month of January, 1874, for correction as noted in pencil by the Supervising Architect.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. Henry Troemner, March 21st 1874.

710 Market st.
Philadelphia

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th inst. and accompanying bills against the mint at Denver for the set of standard weights, and have to inform you that the account has been referred to the 1st Auditor for settlement. A draft for the amount will reach you in due time.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. L. B. Mauzy, March 21st 1874.

Rushville. Ind.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst. has been received, and I enclose herewith circular No. 6 of this office, giving the values, in U. S. money of account, of the monetary units of foreign countries.

Your request to be furnished with a new 10¢ fractional note has been referred to the Treasurer of the U. S.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. March 23d 1874.

Assayer &c. Charlotte. N.C.

Sir:

Be kind enough to send to this office, as soon as possible, a detailed statement of the Earnings and Expenditures of your office for the Quarter ending Dec. 31. 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

Hon. James Pollock
March 23d. 1874.
Supt. U.S. Mint. Philada.
Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of ten (10) trade dollars, as advised by your letter of the 20th inst. and enclose herewith U.S. Treasurer's draft on the Asst. Treasurer at Philadelphia, #4236, for \$12.00 in payment therefor.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
March 23d. 1874
Supt. Mint U.S. Philada.
Sir,

Please furnish this office, with a detailed statement, showing the amount of light gold coin received, re-melted, and re-coined during the months of January and February 1874, and the loss on the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
March 23d. 1874.
Supt. Mint. U.S. Philada.
Sir:

I will thank you to furnish this Office with a statement showing the number and denomination of working dies of 1873, prepared at your mint and forwarded to the mints at San Francisco and Carson City.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

F. D. Hetrich Esq. March 24th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City. Nev.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a communication from the Melter and Refiner of your Mint, dated the 9th instant, and of which a copy is herewith enclosed, from which it would appear that the instructions contained in my letter of January 2nd last are not clearly understood, inasmuch as the Melter and Refiner states that in the delivery of fine bars by him to the Superintendent .10 of an ounce are thrown off from each bar, while fractions under that denomination are disregarded; all of which, says the Melter and Refiner, occasions loss to the extent of .15 of an ounce upon each bar.

I suppose the authority to do this is claimed under regulation three in letter of January 2d, but this is an error; the provisions of that regulation applying only to bullion received from depositors, being intended to cover impurities or unavoidable loss in fitting bullion for deposit.

The same regulation allows a deduction to be made on silver bullion, and to inure to the Melter and Refiner's account, of one ounce in two thousand ounces. It would appear that the Melter and Refiner has not availed himself of this deduction.

No allowance can now be made on deposits already settled for, but such deduction may be made in future, if necessary, to protect the Melter and Refiner from undue loss.

I shall be glad to hear from you on this subject at your earliest convenience, and beg to call your attention in this connection to regulation 5, which requires the Supt to estimate quarterly the amount of deductions made under the regulations referred to, and transmit a statement thereof to the Director.

I will thank you to furnish a copy of this letter to the Melter and Refiner.

The operative officers at Philadelphia and New York are of the opinion that the deductions allowed under existing regulations are sufficient for the protection of the Melter and Refiner from undue loss, and I do not feel at liberty to authorize deductions at your institution exceeding those allowed at New York and Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon   March 24th 1874.
1st Auditor

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for settlement the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month of February, 1874.

Your attention is invited to the compensation paid to C. H. Sherman and G. H. Loring, Workmen in the Assayer's department, $6.00 per diem, the same being in excess of the amount approved by the Director, viz: $5.75 per diem.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. March 24th/1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 10th inst. enclosing a statement showing an excess of payment to the Refinery over the amount received from depositors of $213.82.

As the bullion above 750 th fine will cost something more to part than bullion below that grade, and the basis of the agreement with the Refinery being that it shall do the work for the sum charged depositors, I cannot approve your suggestion to modify the charges so as to include all bullion above 600½ tho in one item, and to be charged 8 cents per ounce. I think it better to let the item, and any other that may arise of the same character, be the subject of adjustment and payment to the mint by the Refinery at the close of the fiscal year.

This would appear to be not only equitable but a convenient mode of disposing of the matter.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Thomas C. Acton. March 24th. 1874
Supt. Assay Office
New York.

Defer visit until further advised.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. B. Mullett, Esq. March 24th 1874.

Supervising Architect
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 20th inst. enclosing a communication from the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson, together with plans for an extension of that building.

The completion of the new Mint edifice at San Francisco will give us a coining capacity fully equal to the requirements of the Pacific coast, and I do not, therefore, regard the extension of the Carson Mint as necessary.

San Francisco, on account of location and the fact that the principle precious metal mines of the Country are owned there, will always be the bullion entrepot of the Pacific coast, while Carson must depend almost entirely on the mines in the immediate vicinity for supplies of bullion. After their exhaustion the business of the Mint will be quite limited.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. March 24th 1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco. Cal.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the Ordinary expense Account of your institution for the month of February 1874, has this day been transmitted to the 1st Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. H. Landis, Esq. March 24th 1874.
125 South Front St. Philada.

My dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a communication from the Supt. of the Mint at Carson, wherein he informs me that he had under that date, the 17th inst., remitted to you the sum of $1269.32, for two casks of copper.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock, March 24th 1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I return herewith, approved, the bid of Messrs. Thomas Harrington & Co. for residue copper and nickel offered for sale by circular from your office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange and
J. M. Eckfeldt, Commrs, &c. March 25th 1874.
San Francisco.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 17th inst. I have to inform you that the Supervising Architect has instructed the Superintendent of Construction to advance to Messrs. Booth & co. the sum of $10,000 on account.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs. O. H. LaGrange and
J. M. Eckfeldt, Commissioners &c.
San Francisco. -

March 25th/1874.

Gentlemen;

Your letter of the 17th inst. has been received. You state that the Superintendent of Construction has made careful approximate estimates of the expenses yet to be incurred in the elaborate detail of work now in progress, i.e. fitting up the new mint, and that by a comparison of the estimates with the unexpended appropriation it does not appear that it will be possible to put a Refinery in working order should it be commenced. - You also state that the great size of the mint building, and the necessity for extending facilities to meet the increasing demand for the trade dollar, occasions numerous necessary contingent expenses which could not have been anticipated &c.

As the placing of the new mint in a condition for coinage operations is a matter of great importance, the plan which you propose of completing the work now in progress and to that end is approved, and you will be governed accordingly.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office. N.Y.

March 25th/1874.

Sir:

I have received and forwarded to the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations your communication of the 24th inst. and accompaniments, and have given the same my cordial endorsement and approval.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James A. Garfield   March 25th 1874.
Chairman Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives

Dear Sir:

In further reply to your inquiries respecting the estimates for the Assay Office at New York, I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter from the Superintendent of that office, and exhibits "A" "B" and "C" therein referred to, from which it appears that although the amount of bullion operated upon during the present fiscal year, as compared with the year ending June 30th 1873, is nearly three times as great, the increase in the number of employés, assistants and workmen, has only been seven, and the increase of expenses $40,500; and establishing, beyond question, the fact that the business of the institution has been conducted with the utmost economy.

The increase in the number of employés consists principally of day and night watchmen, which was indispensably necessary for the proper security of the large amounts of bullion to be transferred from one room to another and its safe custody at night.

I earnestly request that the estimates, as originally transmitted, may be approved by the Committee, both as respects the regular and deficiency appropriations.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. March 25th/1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Referring to the purchase of copper lately made by you from the Superintendent of the Carson Mint, I have to inform you that Supt. Hetrich has been directed by letter of this date to return to you the sum of $1.674.28 received from you for the copper, and you are instructed when said amount is received to deposit the same with the Assistant Treasurer in your city to the credit of the appropriation for Contingent Expenses U. S. Mint at San Francisco, 1874, and to immediately forward certificates of Deposit in duplicate to this office.

The account will be settled by warrant and counter-warrant in this Department, of which you will be advised.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Lemuel Todd, M. C. March 25th 1874.
House of Representatives.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. enclosing an application from your brother, Isaac L. Todd, for an appointment in one of the proposed Assay Offices, and to say in reply that the application will be considered should the opportunity offer to make appointments of Assayers.

Very respectfully, yours
H. R. Linderman
Director.

F. D. Hetrich, Esq. March 25th/1874.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. in relation to the 5066 pounds of copper sold Superintendent La Grange of the San Francisco mint, and in reply have to instruct you to return to Supt. La Grange ~~for~~ the amount $1,674.28 received for the copper.

You will make out a bill against the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for copper furnished, and transmit the same to this office with the request that the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your mint may be re-imbursed for the cost of the copper, &c, from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the San Francisco Mint, which account will be settled by warrant and counter-warrant in this Department, and you advised, when to draw against the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your mint for the amount.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. March 25th/1874.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Sir:

Having conferred with Mr. Mason in person yesterday, in reference to the cost of seperating certain grades of bullion, a reply to my communication on that subject will not be necessary.

Mr. Mason left here yesterday quite unwell; I hope soon to hear of his recovery.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

Hon. James Pollock, March 26th/1874.
Superintendent U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose for your information a copy of the report of Prof. Schirmer, containing the results of his observations respecting the treatment of bullion at the Philadelphia Mint and Assay Office N.Y.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Hon. James Pollock March 26th/1874.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter received from the Supt. of the Mint at San Francisco, in relation to a discrepancy in the number of special assay coins forwarded to your mint for the calendar year 1873, and will thank you to explain how the difference in the number of pieces arises.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Robert Patterson, Esq. March 26th 1874.
Safe Deposit Co.
Philadelphia.

My Dear Sir:

I have used my utmost endeavors to procure for you a complete sett of the Census Reports of 1870. The Hon. Secretary of the Interior informs me that it is impossible for him to spare them as he has only a few copies left. The best that I have been able to do is to procure a "compendium" of the Report - which contains most of the data, - the maps, and "vital statistics" being omitted.

This compendium will be forwarded to you soon.

I am very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. H. Landis & Co. March 27th 1874.
125 So. Front St.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th inst.

The procuring of the draft might have been delayed for a day or two, but will probably come to hand all right. Should it not be received by Monday morning I will thank you to advise me, when the Superintendent at Carson will be telegraphed to about it.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. C. Booth, Esq. March 27th 1874.

Melter and Refiner, U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa

Sir:

Will you please inform me of the meaning respectively of the terms "Refining" and "Toughening" as used in mint operations.

I desire to have the proper distinction preserved in the use of these terms.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. C. Delano. March 27th 1874.

Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;

Be pleased to accept my thanks for the copy of the compendium of the census to hand; also for the favor shown my friend, Mr. Robt. Patterson, of Philadelphia.

Very truly yours,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Private.

Wm. E. Dubois Esq. March 28th 1874.

Assayer U. S. Mint. Philadelphia.

Dear Sir:

I am now engaged in the revision of instructions and regulations in order to print them for the use of the Mint Officers.

Among other regulations to be embraced are:

1st – That there shall be no allowance made for Sundays, except to those performing actual and necessary services on that day.

2d – Purchases of supplies shall not be made directly or indirectly from persons connected with the mint service.

3d.- The reading of newspapers, books &c. during working hours shall be prohibited.

4th.- Employés and Clerks will not be allowed to visit rooms or departments in which they are not employed;- except when necessary in the transaction of business.

5th.- All persons connected with the mint will be
required to enter and depart through the main
entrance and parcels and packages taken from
the mint will be subject to such inspection as
the Chief Executive Officer of each Institution may
6th direct. Visitors will in all cases enter and depart
at the main entrance.

7.- A time table of attendance and absences will be kept and rendered by each Dept.

All modifications of existing regulations made by the proper authority and affecting any Dept. in the Mint or business, will be communicated in writing by the Superintendent to the head of such Dept. and the same properly filed for reference.

Any remarks which you may deem proper to offer in relation to the foregoing will be thankfully received, and any additional regulations you may think advisable will be carefully considered.

Please return this letter with your notes.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.
March 28th/1874.

Sir:

I have to request that you inform me at your convenience as to the progress made in the erection of the apparatus for the separation of metals by the "Miller Chlorine Process"; and as to the time when we may expect the same to be in operation.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Whether the above process shall be employed or not I leave to the decision of yourself & the M. & R. If not adopted we shall be compelled to put up the parting charge to correspond with the expenses of the operation by the nitric acid process.